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## SUMMARY.

The colonial Premiers were entertained at a banquet by the Radicals.

Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, who presided, said it was a slander to state that the Radicals were Little Englanders.

Mr. Haldane said that liberty was the bond holding the Empire together.

He intimated that the General Staff intended to confer with General Botha shortly on the mutual defence of the Empire.

Mr. Deakin said that the only true permanent basis of union lay in the character of the people from whom the constitution sprang.

He described the anomalous position of the colonial conference, it being a body without status.

General Botha made an Imperial, loyal, and optimistic speech regarding the union of the white races in South Africa.

He said the people of the Transvaal grasped the hand of friendship extended to them, and would not let it go again.

The Freedom of the City of London was conferred upon the visiting Premiers.

As they drove to the Guildhall they were enthusiastically cheered, especially General Botha.

The Italian Embassy in London has asked Mr. Deakin to support King Victor Emmanuel's agricultural scheme.

Indignation is expressed in diplomatic circles at the defiance of the Algeciras treaty in Morocco.

The Sultan's representative has signed a contract with a German firm for public works at Tangier.

A new group has been formed in the Duma to oppose the revolutionary section in the event of dissolution.

The Senate of New York State has passed a bill fixing the minimum salaries of female teachers at £144 per annum.

The female teachers have thus been placed on an equality with males as regards salaries.

The newspapers eulogise the Anglo-Canadian newspaper post as an excellent illustration of preference.

Mrs. S. L. Hill's jewels realised £94,000 at auction.

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The trial of W. P. Crick and W. N. Willis was continued yesterday.

T. W. M. Wilcox (of Edols and Co.) stated that he had made payments to Willis amounting to £6000.

The collier owners and stevedores yesterday received a letter from the Coal Lumpers' Union respecting the strike of carriers.

The union stated that men could not be forced to accept work under what were to them unbearable conditions.

In view of this reply the employers decided to establish a free labour bureau.

New hands are being engaged to fill the places of the wire weavers who struck work at Lysaght Bros.' works.

The Tasmanian Smelting Company's works may be closed down on Saturday owing to trouble with the employees.

Lee Kum, a Chinese herbalist, who sued a former patient for £27 3s 6d, was yesterday nonsuited.

The Court of Marine Inquiry yesterday congratulated Captain Lindbergh upon refloating his vessel, the Tsinan, which was stranded near Cooktown.

At the Quarter Sessions yesterday, Joseph Newsome, a sailor, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for false pretences.

Whilst Newsome was awaiting trial he signed a confession that he had committed murder on board ship. The confession was bogus.

Sarah Clifford, aged 73, was sentenced to six months' hard labour yesterday. The police stated that she was one of the oldest pickpockets in Australia.

The South Australian Government has prohibited the importation of any fruit into that State except by sea.

It was reported at the annual meeting of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital that 4545 patients had been treated during the year.

Besides this total there had been 50,000 attendances at the hospital by 12,579 outpatients.

The Government proposes to allocate hospital grants according to the circumstances of each hospital.

The Chief Secretary's Department is disallowing hospital subsidy on revenue received from guessing competitions.

The medical officer of the Water and Sewerage Board has furnished another condemnatory report on the quality of water in the Cataract Dam.

The Norwegian ship Prince George was towed into Sydney last night in a badly crippled condition.

Whilst bound from Port Pirie to the English Channel with wheat, she encountered terrific gales for six days.

The second officer was washed overboard, as were also the lifeboats and bridge, and her bulwarks carried away.

It is considered doubtful whether the steamer Willyama, which is on the rock near Marion Bay (S.A.), will be refloated.

Stables in Baylis-street, Wagga, were destroyed by fire, and two racehorses were burned to death.

A motor car owned by Mr. J. R. Strahorn capsized whilst travelling between Parkes and Peak Hill.

Of four occupants of the car, only one (Mr. Pitmallan) was severely injured, although the speed was 25 miles an hour.

The City Council yesterday protested to the Minister for Lands against the proposed sale of the Moore Park lands.

Mr. Ashton said that the matter was in the Premier's hands, but personally the views of the deputation had his sympathy.

It is expected that there will be a full attendance of members of the Board of Control on Friday to consider the English cricket tour.

The State Bank of South Australia for the last financial year yielded a net profit of £3598.

Francis Birtles left Fremantle on a bicycle on Boxing Day, and reached Adelaide yesterday. He travelled 3185 miles.

The High Court on May 7 will hear a test case on the liability of Federal officers to pay State income tax.

The Anglican Synod at Hobart is considering the proposed union with the Victorian province.

News has reached Fremantle that the schooner Edith is a total wreck on a reef two miles off Condor Creek.

The owners of the Edith are Messrs. Denny Bros. and Lynn, whose schooner Harriet Constance has been missing for some weeks.

During the hearing of the private detective case in Melbourne, the Judge, after examining the plaintiff Faussett, said he would report the matter to the Attorney-General.

The Colonial Sugar Refining Company has purchased the businesses of Poolman and Co. and Poolman Brothers.

With these purchases nearly the whole of the sugar trade of Australia is now in the hands of the C.S.R. Company.

It is proposed to extend the tour of Federal Parliamentarians from Port Darwin to Wyndham (W.A.).

The number of whites who entered the Commonwealth during the first two months of the year was 10,229, an increase of 2775.

Herbert Ford, who recently handled a number of cowhides, is being treated at Melbourne Hospital for anthrax.

The Sydney police have been informed that Kent, a long-sentence prisoner, has escaped from Berrima gaol.

British shipping firms in Sydney view with alarm the hold which German companies are acquiring on Australian trade.

The State's exports of wool during the quarter ended March amounted to £5,572,274, an increase of over £2,000,000.

A fair amount of business was transacted on the Exchange yesterday, prices for the most part being steady.

There was an easier feeling in the mining department, despite the improved price of metals in London.

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| *ORTONA | 8000 | Collins | May 4 | May 7 | May 9 |
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For HOBART DIRECT—
OONAH, MONDAY, April 22, at noon, and May 2, 11, 20, 30.
From HOBART.—April 27; May 7, 14, 25; June 4.
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In response to the request of a deputation of Citizens which waited upon me on the 15th inst., I HEREBY CONVENE a PUBLIC MEETING to be held in the Town Hall, Sydney, on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of (a) entering a protest against the proposal of the Government to remove the ROYAL MINT to the site at present occupied by the SYDNEY OBSERVATORY; and (2) appointing a deputation to wait upon the Premier in regard to the matter, and in regard to the preservation of other places for public recreation in and around Sydney.
THOMAS HUGHES, Lord Mayor.
Town Hall, Sydney,
17th April, 1907.

A MEETING of the No. 2 Labour League, Darling Harbour Electorate, will be held in the Mechanics' Institute, Miller's Point, TO-NIGHT (Thursday), April 18th, at 8 o'clock. Business: To receive and consider Reply from Executive of P. L. L. Also, Nominations for Selection; and any other business that may be brought forward. All intending Members are cordially invited to attend. A. Agnew, sec.

WOMEN'S PATRIOTIC CLUB, 4 O'Connell-street,—LECTURE by Hon. BRUCE SMITH, K.C., M.P., on "Origin and Growth of Government," TO-NIGHT, at 8. MARY PRENTER, Secretary.

SHERBROOKE Elect.—Mr. H. E. Pratten will Addr. Electors in Sch. of Arts, Beecroft, To-night, at 8.

DAUGHTERS OF GORDON, 365, meets To-night, 8, St. David's Hall, Arthur-st. Visitors invited.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.
FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-eighth Annual MEETING of the Members of this Society will be held in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, Pitt-street, Sydney, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of FRIDAY, 17th May, 1907, for the purpose of—
(1) Receiving the Report of the Directors on the Business of the Society for the year ended December 31, 1906.
(2) Electing two Directors in lieu of the Hon. A. W. Meeks, M.L.C., and James Burns, Esq., who retire in terms of Bylaw XVI., but are eligible for re-election.
(3) Electing an Auditor in lieu of William H. Ferry, Esq., who retires in terms of Bylaw XXVIII., but is eligible for re-election.
(4) Declaring the amount of divisible surplus for the year ended December 31, 1906.
The Hon. A. W. MEEKS, M.L.C., and JAMES BURNS, Esq., are the only duly qualified members who have given the requisite notice that they are Candidates for the vacant seats on the Board.
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GROCERY BUSINESS for Sale, doing £27 a week, gd. sub., stock ab. £150. Grocer, Bummer H. P.O.

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Tenders to state price per ton of screened and small Coal respectively, delivered at the Company's Wharf, Darling Harbour, or at Mortlake, Parramatta River, or for both these services combined.

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Tenders to be addressed to the Secretary, and endorsed "Tender for Coal."

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R. J. LUKEY, Secretary.

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21st March, 1907.

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## AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

2 GOOD SULKIES AND SET OF HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. WATSON to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., The above.

1ST-CLASS 13.2 SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. JNO. BATEMAN to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Bay Pony, 13.2, very reliable and quiet in s. and h., 5 yrs. Sulky and Harness; also Straight-shaft Sulky.

UPSTANDING HARNESS HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Messrs. P. B. TERRY and CO. to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Brown Gelding, 16 hands, a good mover.

STANCH DRAUGHT MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mrs. ELIZA M'GESTY to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Bay Draught Mare, stanch worker, sub. to trial.

SAD. AND HAR. PONY, FROM KEMPSEY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Cream Pony, 12.3, quiet and stylish mover in sad. and har.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., KELPIE, well known performer, 15.2. Full particulars at sale.

TO PRIVATE FAMILIES, DAIRYMEN, AND OTHERS.

MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.

INGLIS'S RAILWAY STOCK SALEYARDS, 827 GEORGE-STREET, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell as above on account Messrs. D. Buffier, M'Intosh Bros., and other owners,
60 First-class Milch Cows, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.

Also,
On account Mr. W. M'MINN.
4 Specially good Dairy Heifers, in full milk, with first calves at foot. Worthy of buyers' particular attention.

PAIR WELL-MATCHED CARRIAGE MARES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. BAILLIE, Narellan, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Pair Bay Carriage Mares, 5 and 6 yrs. old, well matched, thoroughly broken to sad. and har., by Bellwood and Duke.

TWO PRIZE-WINNERS FROM THE RICHMOND RIVER.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 12 o'clock,
ROCKET, grey gelding—winner of three champion and five first prizes as gent.'s hackney at recent shows; also the well-known roadster gelding PADDY. Now on view.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS,

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 2 P.M.

NINETY HEAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction as above
On account NORTHERN AGENTS, QUIRINDI.
10 Upstanding Harness Horses. Full particulars later.
On account Mr. E. SPEARMAN.
25 Strong Light Harness Horses and Hackneys, all thoroughly broken in. These have been used in connection with the recent Easter Encampments.
On account NORTHERN RIVER AGENTS.
50 First-class Horses, comprising Heavy and Medium Draughts, also active Van and Business Cart Horses, all in splendid condition, 4 to 6 year-olds, broken and unbroken.
On account Mr. C. W. PERRY, Ingleburn.
Black Thoroughbred Mare, described as a high-class Hackney.
On account Mr. S. J. BOLGER, Denham Court.
Black Active Farm Mare, good worker, quiet and reliable.
On account Messrs. HOGAN BROS., St. Marys.
1 Heavy Draught Gelding, stanch and good.
1 Chest. Pony, 14 hands, 5 years, quiet and reliable in saddle and harness.
On account Mrs. BUTCHER.
Brown Active Van Gelding, broken in.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE.

SATURDAY NEXT, APRIL 20, AT 11.30 A.M. SHARP.

1400 HEAD. 1400 HEAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction as above. The following are the particulars of the various lots advised up to the present, viz.:—
100 exceptionally choice Dairy Heifers, 12 months old, described as the best ever yarded at St. Marys.
100 choice Dairy Heifers, 24 years old.
100 young Dairy Heifers, under 12 months old.
75 first-class Steers, 9 to 18 months old.
50 Head, comprising 40 real good Dairy Heifers and 10 Store Cows.
50 Head, comprising 20 splendid Dairy Heifers, 2 to 3 years old, all coming in calf; 20 first-class well-grown Steers and Bullocks, 2 to 3 years; 10 Milch Cows.
81 first-class Steers.
90 Head, comprising 25 really good 3-year-old Bullocks, half fat, the balance Steers and Heifers.
25 Head, comprising 10 newly-calved Heifers, 25 Springing Cows and Heifers.
41 Head, comprising 10 good springing Cows and Heifers, all first-class Dairy Heifers, mostly all in calf, 2 to 3 years old; 10 yearling Steers, and 1 good Dairy Bull.
60 good Steers, 12 to 15 months old.
150 Mixed Cattle, Store Cows, Heifers, and Steers.
45 Springing Cows and Heifers and newly-calved Cows.
150 well-grown Steers
100 Head, comprising 10 Cows and Heifers, newly calved, with calves at foot; 5 Forward Springing Cows and Heifers, 30 Cows and Heifers, all good sorts, 1 to 3 months off calving; 20 Picked Dairy Heifers, chiefly roans, well grown, and in good condition, 20 mos. to 2 years old; 15 Backward Springing Cows; 20 Poddy Heifers.
12 Head, comprising 6 Purebred Jerseys (pedigrees at Sale), some springing; 1 Grade Jersey; 5 Sucking Calves and Heifers.
10 Choice Camden-bred Dairy Heifers, 2 to 3 years old, from 1 to 2 months off calving.
15 First-class Dairy Heifers, 2 to 3 years old.
15 Jersey and Durham Cross Heifers, about 8 months off calving.
100 Very Superior Steers and Heifers, 12 months to 2½ years old.
30 Steers and Heifers, 9 to 18 months old.
40 Head, comprising 10 good Dairy Heifers, 1½ to 2 years, and 30 Steers.
18 Head, comprising 5 Fat 4-year-old Bullocks, 10 young Steers, and 3 Springers.

Also,
On account Mr. C. R. Martin,
St. Marys,
owing to his having leased his farm and giving up dairying.
15 Cows, in full milk.
5 Springing Cows, on their second calf.
1 Purebred Jersey Heifer, 3 months off calving.
5 good Dairy Heifers, 9 months to 2 years old.

TRAIN leaves Sydney at 10.15 a.m., returning at 5.42 and 6.47 p.m.

MACCABE and DODDS, 18 Castlereagh-street, have received instructions from J. J. SMITH, Esq., Double Bay, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 18th, at 2.30, at Beadell's Bazaar, Hunter-street, RUBBER-TYRED BROUGHAM, by Windover, London.
Pair of Dark Bay GELDINGS, stylish goers, and perfectly quiet in harness, and used to the city traffic; can highly recommend this turnout.

MACCABE and DODDS, 18 Castlereagh-street, have received instructions from J. C. WOOD, Esq., of Newcastle, to sell by public auction, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 18th, at 2.30, at Beadell's Bazaar, Handsome Bay COB, carry 16 stone, and good harness horse. Took first prize at last Sydney Show.

MACCABE and DODDS, 18 Castlereagh-street, have received instructions from G. E. FAIRFAX, Esq., to sell by auction, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 18th, at 2.30, at Beadell's Bazaar,
High-class BROUGHAM, in perfect order, and can be used with single or pair of horses.

MACCABE and DODDS, 18 Castlereagh-street, have received instructions from F. HORSLEY, Esq., of Yabtree Station, Gundagai, to sell by auction, at Beadell's Bazaar, Hunter-street, at 2.30, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 18th,
Very handsome 17-hand Black HORSE, 6 years, perfect private cab or brougham horse, good goer, and very fast. Took first prize last Sydney Show.

MACCABE and DODDS have received instructions from Owner to sell by Auction, at Beadell's Bazaar, Hunter-street, at 2.30, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 18th,
A WELL-BRED PONY, 14.1, 6 years, sound, good condition, and the makings of a good Polo Pony.

MACCABE and DODDS have received instructions from A. J. Dodds, Esq., to sell by auction at Beadell's Bazaar, Hunter-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 18th—BAY PONY, 14½ hands, up to weight, perfect lady and gentleman's hack, no faults.

MACCABE and DODDS have received instructions from J. Owen Cox, Esq., to sell by Auction at Beadell's Bazaar, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 18th, at 2.30,
Upstanding Bay GELDING, 17 hands, stylish, well mannered, quiet in single and double harness, suitable private cab, victoria, or brougham.

MACCABE and DODDS have received instructions from Mr. Tye, Newtown, to sell by auction, at Beadell's Bazaar, Hunter-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, 2.30,
Stylish Grey Mare, 15 hands, 5 years, quiet in saddle and harness.

MACCABE and DODDS have received instructions from Mr. Cooper, Manly, to sell by auction, at Beadell's Bazaar, Hunter-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, 2.30 p.m.,
Very fine Bay Cob, 5 years, 15 hands, quiet in saddle and double and single harness.

MACCABE and DODDS, 18 Castlereagh-street, have received instructions from W. Stokes, Esq., to sell by auction, on THURSDAY, 18th, at 2.30, at Beadell's Bazaar,
Pair of Upstanding Chestnut Carriage Geldings, about 16.1, good steppers, and high action, very stylish goers, thoroughly broken to saddle, single and double harness, very quiet, and used to city traffic.

WOY WOY, Daley's Point Estate, reached either by train or steamer. Cheap fares Next Sat. R. and H.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

BLACKTOWN SALEYARDS.

The above yards will be officially opened by the PRESIDENT OF THE SHIRE COUNCIL (T. WILMOT, Esq.), on FRIDAY, MAY 3rd, at 11 o'clock, after which the first Public Sale by Auction of DAIRY STOCK and HORSES will be conducted by Messrs. THOMPSON and HARDMAN.

Intending Vendors are kindly requested to forward particulars of stock they wish offered.

These Saleyards are served by the Main Western and Richmond Lines—close to Blacktown Station, and on the Main Richmond-Sydney road. Frequent trams service both ways. Good grass and water in paddocks connected with yards.

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FRIDAY, MAY 3rd, 11 O'CLOCK.

THOMPSON AND HARDMAN will offer
600 HEAD CHOICEST DAIRY STOCK of HEIFERS, SPRINGERS, MILCH COWS, with CALVES at foot, including the whole of the select and choice DAIRY HERD of MARK H. REYNOLDS, Esq., Prospect, comprising:—
35 Heavy Milkers, in full milk.
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NOTABLE PICTURES IN

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"THE SYDNEY MAIL," published this week, is of high standard. The interest in the wedding of Lieut. Dawson and Miss Dorothy Mitchell is recognised by ample space being given to a pictorial record of the event. In strong contrast is the central feature of the issue. This is the saving of Varischetti at Bonnie Vale, Coolgardie—a thrilling episode in mining life that awakened the interest of the whole world. There are remarkably fine portraits of the heroes, Hughes and Hearne, and a very notable one of Varischetti, taken by our own representative while the rescued Italian was in the hospital. There are many other features in the illustrated part of the paper, and on the other pages there is the usual budget of pastoral and agricultural news and a mass of hints to country people. It will certainly be a popular issue.

SOME OF THE FEATURES.

THE WORLD LOVES A BRIDE.
This is the title of a Notable Photographic Study made at the recent Society Wedding.

VARIOUS WEDDING SNAPSHOTS.
This page includes photos. of the bride and bridegroom.

THE WEDDING BREAKFAST.

THE BRIDAL GROUP.

THE FRUITFUL TWEED.
An illustrated account (8 pages) of the Tweed River district, with special reference to the progress of Murwillumbah.

NOTABLE EVENTS ABROAD.
An absorbingly interesting page, which includes photos. relating to the Wreck of the Berlin.

VARISCHETTI.
A photograph taken in the hospital.

HUGHES and HEARNE,
The Two Heroes of the Bonnie Vale Sensation.

VIEW OF BONNIE VALE AND THE MINING FIELD.

MAITLAND SHOW.

ORANGE SHOW.

THE ELECTRA AGROUND.
An example of the difficulties of North Coast Skippers.

THE LATE SIR FOOTE.
A Splendid Picture of this Famous Horse.

THE NEW BILLIARDS STROKE.
The Lovejoy stroke illustrated with two views.

A CASUAL GLANCE, BY M.G.
Our Fortnightly Budget of Breezily-penned Comments on Current Events.

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## LOST AND FOUND.

LOST, Gold PINCE-NEZ, Tuesday, between Anthony Hordern's and Bathurst-st. Rew., 18 Q V. Markgf.

LOST, bet. 11.30 and 12 noon, Wednesday, Cen. Railway, Gent.'s Ring. Rew., Inquiry Office, Cen. Rail.

LOST, in Flinders-st, nr. waiting-shed, long Fur Necklet; rew. 144 Flinders-st, Moore Park.

LOST, Red and Blue Cattle Bitch. Detainer prosecuted. 143 Johnston-st, Annandale.

LOST, Brown Greyhound Dog. Reward return to Blue Anchor Hotel, George-st North.

LOST, Sunday, Darlington, Vic. Pk., to Glebe, Opal Brooch; rwd. 1 Golden Grove-st, Darlington.

LOST, Tintern-rd, Ashfield, Gold Safety Brooch, 3 pearls; rwd. Mrs. MacDonald, Kiwitahi, Ntwn.-st.

LOST, Yorkshire Terrier DOG. Reward returning Moana, Royalist-rd, Mosman.

LOST, Gold PARROT, Wednesday afternoon, from 54 Douglas-st, Stanmore. Reward.

LOST, between Glebe and railway station, Autograph Book, red cover. Reward, 35 Arundel-st, Glebe.

LOST, between Bayswater-rd and University, small Garnet BROOCH. Reward, 24 Bayswater-rd.

LOST, PUG DOG, answering name Punch; reward. 5 Chalveston, Glebe Point-rd.

LOST, Australian Terrier Dog. Finder rewarded returning to 653 Dowling-st, Moore Park.

LOST, between Arcadia and Avenue-rd, Glebe Pt., Gold Bangle. Mrs. Pilkins, 20 Arcadia-rd.

LOST, bet. College and Oxford sts, Parcel of Lodge Money, will have to refund. Rew., 360 Crown-st.

LOST, between William-st and Edgecliff P.O., Boy's Macintosh. Retn. Guyong, New S. Hd.-rd, Edgec.

LOST, Purse, containing sovereign, half-sovereign, and Silver, abt. Waters' cor. Rew. Moore, Darling-st.

LOST, Lady's G. Watch, betw. Derwent-st, Glebe, and Regent-st, Wat., Sat.; g. rew. 201 George-st W.

LOST, Black Pony Mare mealy nose, VF over XX on nr. sh., long coat. A. Walked, Forest-rd, Hurstvle.

LOST, the Morning Headache, now that I stick to DICKENS WHISKY.

LOST on Saturday last, between Australia Hotel, Randwick Racecourse, and Centennial Park, a Large DIAMOND. TEN POUNDS REWARD will be given for recovery of same. Mgr., or Sec., Aust. Hotel.

LOST, Gold Cable BRACELET, with Neutral Bar (season ticket attached), on Wednesday afternoon. Reward. Apply Mr. S. NUTT, 59 Kurraba-road, Neutral Bay; or 72 Pitt-street, Sydney.

LOST, Gold Curb BANGLE, between Rockdale and Moore, dentist, Pitt-street, near Goulburn-street. Reward. MOORE.

LOST, Monday afternoon, between Prince Alfred Hospital and Double Bay, a Silver Chain PURSE; reward. Miss KNOX,
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REWARD.—LOST, Gold Shield RING, between King and Hollingshed streets, Botany, inscribed inside, J.K. outside.
Surry Hills Hotel, 222 Crown-street.

STRAYED from Burren-st, rear L'Avenue, Ntwn., Newfoundland Dog, bandaged. Rwd. above add

FOUND, in harbour, PIG. Owner can have same pay exps. C. Messenger, 358 Victoria-st, D'hurst.

FOUND, White SKIFF, near Tom Ugly's, Monday. P. Emerson, Gorley Bay, George's River.

IMPOUNDED, Leichhardt, Grey Mare, A over E (8 sideways) nr. shoul.; Bay Horse, like SC nr. shoul.

STRAYED in yard, 2 Bay Horses, 1 Bay Pony. Owner have paying exp. G. Carrie, Rowley-st, Cpdwn.

WOY WOY.—Water Frontage Blocks, opp. Black wall and The Rip. Exc. fish. Next Sat. R. and H.

# ON THE LAND.

## FARM AND STATION.

### THE BUTTER GRADERS.

### AND THE LONDON COMPLAINTS.

### THE BACTERIOLOGICAL TEST.

No one anticipated that the stamps placed on exported butter, or on the certificates, would be absolutely infallible. It was always recognised that mistakes would occur in the grading of butter, just as in any other work of inspection and adjudication. But it was emphatically claimed that the work could be done with sufficient accuracy as to be recognised and accepted by the London trade, and this claim has been justified. Grading under the Commerce Act has now been proceeding for about six months, during which time an enormous quantity of butter has passed under the review of the Government officers. In this State the difficult work has been carried out by Messrs. Pedersen, Stenning, and M'Guinness, of the dairy branch of the Department of Agriculture, with the occasional assistance of Mr. Graham, the cheese instructor, and these officers are to be congratulated upon the success of their efforts. There were two great difficulties to surmount, apart from the question of recognising to a nice point the various qualities of butter. The graders had first to grade to a uniform standard here, a task which, when the subtlety of the tastes and odours of butter is considered, was in itself a delicate one, and then they had to accurately gauge the standard of the London buyer and adopt it. This they have done to a highly successful degree. It is true that within the past few weeks there have been some complaints from London about the unreliability of the stamps on some parcels of New South Wales butters, but careful inquiry shows that the trouble has been confined to very few lots, and that it is likely to diminish, if not entirely disappear.

When the trade first complained about some butter from New South Wales bearing a first-grade stamp having opened up second grade, the Agent-General wisely decided, on the appointment of a competent broker, to check all the brands on our graded product. This gentleman has now been at work for some time, and the results of his investigations are of the greatest interest. The dairy expert, Mr. O'Callaghan, received the other day his reports on the butter, which reached London by the steamers Geelong, Marathon, and India, comprising a very large number of consignments. The home grader had placed his points, as is done here, under the three headings—flavour, texture, and condition—with the total added. Mr. O'Callaghan stated that to make a useful comparison the certificates of the Sydney graders on these butters were looked up and the points copied in under those of the checking authority in London. The unanimity is extraordinary, and particularly so, when it is considered that the individual work of three graders is being tried by a single palate at the other side of the world. No greater endorsement of the contention that butter grading is absolutely practicable could be obtained than the fact that on sheet after sheet containing the two sets of experts' points there is complete agreement in detail and total, and that on the other, with the exception of two or three, the variation does not exceed one point. Sometimes the London grader, who is by the way a man in the trade, whose office is to criticise, differs a point in texture, and a point the other way in flavour, and so leaves the total unaltered. But the variation of one point in a hundred may be termed full agreement, so far as the trade is concerned, and may indicate either the slightest difference in the butter or in the taste of the grader. The important consideration is that our graders at their first essay have proved that they possess a sufficiently high knowledge of their profession to gauge to a nicety the expert taste of London. And this checking shows, too, that, despite some opinions to the contrary, commercial butter has a fixed world-wide standard, that varies but to the smallest extent, because of a particular individual's fancy.

The most important feature of these parallel points is in relation to fishiness and the bacteriological test. It is now established beyond doubt that a fishy flavour in butter is due to the maturity of identified bacteria. As pointed out recently, these bacteria, although present when the butter is made, may not be then appreciable to the test of taste and smell, and that graders may pass as best grade or even superfine butter which may if carried above a very low temperature open up very fishy in London. As may be expected, such a fact is fraught with much peril to the grader, and were it not for the bacteriological test it might have jeopardised the whole practice of grading. But with this test to back them up the way of the graders should in future be reasonably clear. The quantity of fishy butter sent out of New South Wales this year has been very large, and "fishy," "very fishy," "inclined to be fishy," appear freely on the certificates and the checks from London. On the rare occasions where the London expert has differed materially from the graders here, fishiness has been very marked, and it is quite clear that the Sydney men have been beaten by the development of bacteria subsequent to their inspection. Unfortunately the dairy staff was unable this season to apply the bacteriological test to all butter in time to place the result on the certificate, and so anticipate deterioration. Mr. O'Callaghan points out that this year his staff has been shorthanded, and cold storage accommodation has been so limited that it has been necessary to grade all butter as it passed into the stores. Next year more space will be available. The new glaciarium is expected to make a welcome addition to the room available, and the Farmers and Dairymen's Company is erecting a new and up-to-date addition to its stores. To locate the fishy bacteria in butter by a test would take about two days, and as the butter has to remain three days in cold storage before shipment, and often remains five, no trouble is anticipated in getting results before the butter leaves Sydney. The certificates would then be decided as the boxes left the stores, and when this is done there should be even more detailed agreement between the experts of Sydney and home buyers. Shipping companies may protest against the insinuation that as the fishy bacteria develop under a defective refrigeration, the facilities on the steamers are not all that is required. But the development may take place not on the voyage but immediately after arrival, and if the germs are present it is certain to follow before the product is consumed. An example of the efficacy of the bacteriological test is afforded in one of the butters sent by the three steamers mentioned, and which was the subject of a difference in the points awarded at either end. Subsequent to being graded, this butter was bacteriologically tested, and a reproduction of a negative showing the colonies of fishy bacteria was published in the March number of the "Agricultural Gazette," with remarks about their probable development; so that the London verdict bore out the laboratory verdict. Had this test been made before shipment, as next season the tests probably will be, the Sydney grader would not have awarded it excessive points.

Thus the indications are towards a more rigorous and a most accurate grading, which cannot fail to have its effect on the improvement of the butter industry. The greatest enemy of successful grading at present is that it is voluntary, and it is to be hoped that the Federal authorities will before next session have the courage to enforce compulsion. No one wants to grade highest class butter, but under the existing arrangement there is a natural disposition for a factory which is repeatedly knocked back by the graders because of its inferior output, to send its butter without grading. The hostility of a section of the trade to grading is undoubtedly dying, and as it becomes recognised on the London market that the ungraded product contains a large percentage of inferior butter it may be expected to disappear almost completely. The bad butter maker has a genuine grievance against grading, but protests from those who are interested in the supply of a good article are only based on an old prejudice which cannot last.

It is understood that in future no butter will be passed for export if packed in boxes that are stencilled only. The Minister for Customs allowed stencilling only because of the statements that factories should be allowed to use up stocks of boxes treated in that way, but it is now considered that all of these have been sent away. Stencilled boxes often appear as though they had come out of a stokehole, and a comment of the London inspector on the point is of interest. "Packing and condition very bad," he remarks in relation to a consignment, "also branding and appearance generally." Another determination of the authorities here is to take a firm stand about short-weight boxes. All factories have been written on the subject, and in future any box below the standard weight will be refused export.

### ITEMS.

Most of the State has received a share of the rains which have fallen during the last month, but there are isolated parts where the summer drought has not yet broken up. In these parts there are complaints that feed and water are scarce, and in some cases stock are beginning to suffer. What is left of the grass which grew last season is too dry to contain much nourishment, and too woody to be easily digested, while it often happens that the ground is becoming bare, because the sheep or cattle have eaten most of the supply.

There recently arrived in Sydney from Tasmania, consigned to the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Limited, a stock shipment of practically one-third of the famous Fairfield merino stud, for many years the property of the late W. H. Gibson, and one of the best known of the high-class Tasmanian studs. The Fairfield stock was established in 1868, and has included such noted sires as Royalist, sold in 1897 for 1000 guineas, and Density, which with five two-tooth ewes realised 1250 guineas in 1885. In 1878 a shipment of 10 rams to New Zealand from Fairfield stud made £1313, and 10 ewes realised £530. Mr. E. J. Burgess, of Burgess and Co., owners of Bendena station, Southern Queensland, secured 161 rams out of 259 offered, and 398 ewes out of 1904 sold, and the sheep, though experiencing a particularly rough passage from Tasmania, were landed in Sydney without loss, and have been sent on to Bendena station, via Brewarrina.

### TO START A DAIRY.

QUESTION OF COST.

"A.H.E.," North Sydney, writes:—Will you kindly supply me with the following information:—

1. If a young married man, with small family, no experience, and with £100 capital, would be able to successfully establish and carry on a dairy farm?
2. If so, in what district would it be advisable to select?
3. How much of the capital would be spent in the cost of acquiring land and sufficient implements and horses to work same?
4. What length of time would elapse before a return could reasonably be expected?
5. Can you refer me to any guide to an intending dairy farmer?

"A.H.E." has no chance with £100. It would require more than this sum to find a farm and get on to it with the necessary plant to run a dairy farm, apart altogether from the purchase of cows. Anyhow, it would be extremely unsafe for a man totally without experience to start dairy farming even with a fair capital. If "A.H.E." is keen on dairying, his best plan would be to endeavour, with his wife, to secure a position on a dairy farm, even if he had, until he learned to milk, to accept small wages or pay a slight premium. He might from that get on to shares farming, if he could obtain a satisfactory agreement. Or when he was versed in the district in which he was working he might spend his £100 to advantage in the purchase of a number of heifer calves and the renting of a paddock, and thus gradually acquire both practical knowledge and his herd. This procedure would necessarily be slow, but it is the only one open to a man with so little capital and no experience. "A.H.E." will get sound information on dairying in Mr. O'Callaghan, the State dairy expert's book on the subject.

### KILLARNEY SUBDIVISION.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

Six thousand acres at Killarney are being surveyed in blocks of 140 to 400 acres.

### DAIRYING.

PAMBULA.—The returns for the three butter factories in this district for the past month are:—Pambula Dairy Company manufactured 33,842lb of butter, which realised gross, £1372 1s 4d, on an average of 9.73d per lb. Working expenses averaged 1.27d, and after deducting sinking fund, suppliers were paid 8¼d; totalling £1163 6s 4d. The Rocky Hall Dairying Company manufactured 19,276lb of butter, which realised £758 2s 4d, or an average of 9.44d. Suppliers were paid at the rate of 7.99d per lb. The Towamba Creamery Company's output was 22,338lb of butter, and this realised £879, on an average of 9.44d. Suppliers received 8d per lb net. A very good winter for cattle is anticipated as a result of the splendid season.

### RESISTANT VINE STOCKS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A deputation, representing the Viticultural Society of Victoria, waited upon the Minister of Agriculture to-day to urge him to appoint Mr. F. de Castella as commissioner to visit Europe and inquire into and report on the growth, cultivation, and degree of resistance and adaptation of grafted American vines as cultivated in the south of Europe.

Mr. Swinburne, in reply, said he admitted Mr. de Castella was thoroughly qualified for such a mission, but why should he not be consulted here without sending him home? He was awfully disappointed with the want of self-help that was apparent. The Minister promised to lay the matter before the Cabinet, for he admitted that something should be done to advance the viticultural industry whenever possible.

### DISTRICT ITEMS.

ALBURY.—An agitation has been commenced among settlers on the Upper Murray to join with the settlers on the other side of the river in the effort to get a branch line brought up the river on the Victorian side, via Huon's-lane, to Jingellic. They consider the attempt to get a line on this side hopeless.

BREWARRINA, Wednesday.—There were sold at the Yandilla auction yards to-day 18,900 sheep. The Meares Company were the buyers. There was spirited competition.

CONDOBOLIN.—Out of twenty-one leases offered this week at the local Crown lands office, 12 were sold at an annual rental of £177 10s in excess of the total upset rental for the number.

DUNGOG.—Fifteen hundred entries have been received for the Dungog show, to be held next week, being an increase of 100 on last year.

GUYRA.—Farmers are very dissatisfied with the prices ruling for potatoes.

INVERELL, Wednesday.—The country looks magnificent, more like spring than autumn. Grass and water are in abundance, stock are fat.

MOLONG.—Farmers around Gregra have started sowing wheat, and a big area will be planted this season.

MUDGEE.—Mr. F. H. Whyte, a stock inspector, who has returned from a tour of the northern part of the Mudgee stock district, reports that the country is generally very badly off for grass, especially along the frontages of Talbragar and Coolah creeks. There is still a fair water supply in the dams. All classes of stock are losing condition fast. Large owners are now removing their stock to other districts, for the grass is dry. Sheep are in fair condition, but ewes in lamb and those near lambing look very bad. Unless heavy rain falls soon big losses must result. The prospects for lambing are not favourable. Numbers of young lambs and ewes are already dead. The rainfall in that part of the district is only a little over 4 inches to date. The district is also troubled with a plague of grasshoppers. Rabbits, although numerous in patches, are not nearly so plentiful as they were a few months ago. Mr. Whyte noticed a large decrease since his last visit, owing to the large amount of poisoning being done. He says, also, that the rabbits have not been breeding for some time. Large numbers of men are operating with jam and strychnine. Dingoes have for some time been causing trouble in the vicinity of Slapdash. Foxes also are on the increase. One owner reported losing 20 lambs. £5 reward was offered for the fox's scalp, and he was captured several days afterwards.

PAMBULA.—The silo, of the tub variety, recently constructed for Mr. William Beck, at Pambula, has been filled with maize, cut fine, and Mr. J. R. H. Martin, who has had constructed a fibro-cement silo, from departmental designs, is at present engaged filling with maize, in cob, and sorghum. These are being watched with great interest by dairy farmers in the extreme south, as they are the only two up-to-date structures on the lower South Coast, excepting one or two on the Kameruka estate.

PEAK HILL.—The continued dry weather is causing stockowners much anxiety. Many are compelled to rent grass country in other districts. The grasshopper plague is sweeping over the district, devastating grass paddocks in the line of travel. Farmers are busy ploughing and sowing. Some early-sown crops are already showing above ground.

QUEANBEYAN.—The trapping season for rabbits has commenced, and bunny is having a very bad time of it, judging by the large number of carcases coming to the railway station.

WALCHA.—Grass is plentiful, and stock are in good condition. There is a demand for sheep and horses, with fair prices, and altogether the season is termed a record one. Work is plentiful, and labourers scarce.

### AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

BATHURST.

FINE DISPLAY OF MERINOS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

BATHURST, Wednesday.

Ideal conditions attended the opening of the Bathurst A., H., and P. Association's annual show to-day. The ground was in excellent order, being very fresh after the rain. Early in the week entries were high in all classes. The attendance was up to the best first-day records. The absence of trotting events caused the committee a great deal of apprehension, but the quality of to-day's rings events, comprised chiefly of hunting, was so high that the show promises to be very attractive throughout. On Friday a number of polo teams will play a series of matches; and if the innovation proves successful it will probably become the fixed part of a number of country programmes.

Bathurst invariably makes a big display of merino sheep. To-day the pens were well filled with animals of a very high standard, and competition was keen, although the prizes were divided by a small coterie of breeders. The grand champion merino honours went to a very superior young ram shown by the Springheld P. and E. Company, Limited, which also secured several other good awards. The grand five championship fell to Messrs. E. Webb and Co., of Hathrop. They were also successful exhibitors in other classes of the section. Other prominent winners were Messrs. H. T. Suttor, G. Lee, and W. A. Colley. British breeds made the best display yet seen on the ground. Border Leicesters and Romney Marsh being particularly strong. Messrs. Thompson Bros., of Brewongle, were to the fore in Border Leicesters with some very high-class sheep. They also won the long-wool championships. In the Romney Marsh class, Mr. S. S. Hunt., of Evans Plains, secured most of the honours, with Messrs. Dunkley and Mallinson close up. A few good Shropshires were shown by Messrs. O. S. Webb, of Tarana, and Dr. Machattie, who divided the ribbons.

If trotting events were barred, trotters still had a day out, as the breed was a most notable feature of the horse exhibits. The demand for good trotters and pacers along the Western line has in recent years encouraged some of the best stallions in the State to be placed at the call of breeders here; and the progeny was very prominent at to-day's show. The young trotting stock was a particularly valuable lot, the most notable animals being by Mambrino Abdallah, very successful as a sire out here, while Ribbonwood, his rival emulator, was also represented. The presence of these high quality youngsters augurs well for the future of trotting in the State. Bloods were not a conspicuous lot, although Triem, a Trident horse, well known a few years ago on the metropolitan courses, and the young sire Roycroft, purchased the other day by Sir Francis Suttor for 500 guineas, which were placed first and second respectively, were above the ordinary run of country showground horses. Roycroft, as the new arrival to a district containing so many horse lovers, attracted a lot of attention, and was favourably commented upon. Draughts were well represented by a lot of useful active sorts of nice weight for farm work, the teams being especially good. Springfield, who secured the championship for Mr. O'Brien, of Wellington, is well known as a hard horse to beat in West light horses. Both buggy and hacks were not conspicuous for quality, although there were some exceedingly fine animals, and notably a beautiful pair of buggy horses shown by Dr. G. Hurst, which won handsomely in their class. Hunting contests brought out large fields of some of the best horses in New South Wales, but the exhibition over fences was not up to their best form.

As the home of the beef Shorthorns, Bathurst has long been famous, and it is from here that the Sydney show draws many of its prize winners. The biggest winner to-day was Mr. J. Holmes, who secured both the bull and cow championships and the majority of class honours. Another very successful exhibitor was Mr. Geo. Lee, who won with some pens of fat cattle that were remarkable for quality and condition. The feature of the dairy breeds were two Ayrshires. Messrs. P. H. Morton and Fraser had a strong contingent of their beautiful dairy cattle forward, and these gave a decided lift to the class. They secured the championships for male and female and most of the other honours. A few years ago Jerseys were much stronger here than Ayrshires, but to-day the advantage is all with the Scotch breed, which appears to be coming with a strong run in the neighbourhood. Not a great deal can be said for the Jerseys exhibited to-day, although most entries were handicapped by lack of condition.

AWARDS.

Cattle.—Beef cattle—Durham bull, between 2 and 3 yrs: Springheld P. and E. Company, Ltd., 1; Byng, 2. Bull, between 1 and 2 yrs: J. Holmes, 1; Adams, 2. Roan bull, under 1yr: J. Holmes, 1; Chevalier, 2. Roan cow, over 3yrs: J. Holmes 1; Lady Glengarry (red), 2; E. Webb and Co., 3. Heifer, between 2 and 3 yrs: J. Holmes's Frolic (roan), 1; John Lee's Karralee, 2. Heifer, between 1 and 2 yrs: J. Holmes's Chirning Lady (roan), 1; R. Webb and Co.'s Hathrop Nonpareil II., 2. Heifer, under 1yr: Geo. Lee, 1; Lochalino, 2; E. Webb and Co., Crystal Countess Devon, 2; N. R. M'Phillamy, Orton Park, 3.

Champion Prizes.—Beef cattle—Bull, over 1yr: J. Holmes. Cow, over 1yr: J. Holmes.

Dairy Cattle.—Dairy bull, 3yrs and over: J. Johnstone, 1; D. M'Millan, 2. Cow, over 2yrs: D. M'Millan, 1; John Cheney (George's Plains), 2. Heifer, between 1 and 2 yrs: F. Cunningham (Orton Park), 1; D. M'Millan, 2. Ayrshire bull, 3yrs and over: P. H. Morton and Fraser Ewan's Greystanes stud, Macduff of Greystanes, 1; J. Muldoon's Bathurst Rob Roy, 2. Bull, under 2yrs: P. H. Morton and Fraser Ewan's Fortunatus of Greystanes and Alexis, 1 and 2. Cow, over 2yrs: P. H. Morton and Fraser Ewan's Lady Allan and The Dream, 1 and 2. Heifer, between 1 and 2 years: P. H. Morton and Fraser Ewan, 1 and 2; J. Muldoon, 3. Miscellaneous: A. W. Perry, O'Connell, 1.

Champion Prizes.—Dairy cattle—Best purebred dairy bull, over 1yr: Morton and Fraser Ewan. Best purebred dairy cow, over 1yr: Morton and Fraser Ewan. Best stock—Fat or ox: J. Rutherford, 2. Fat cow: John Lee, 1; T. W. Anderson, 2. Five Durham cows, over 3yrs: John Lee, 1. Three fat bullocks, not workers: G. Lee, 1; E. H. Taylor, 2; T. Nelson, 3. Three fat cows: John Lee. Three steers, over 1yr and under 2yrs: G. Lee.

Dairy Cattle.—Under leading control: Morton and Fraser Ewan, 1; J. Muldoon, 2. Dairy heifers, over 2yrs and under 3yrs: J. Muldoon. Three crossbred dairy heifers, over 2yrs and under 3yrs: H. Cutler.

Sheep.—Fine-woolled merino rams—Ram, over 2½yrs: H. C. Suttor, Brucedale, 1; Springfield P. and E. Co., Ltd., Byng, 2; E. Webb and Co., 3; Hathrop, h.c. Ram, over 1½yr and under 2½yrs: Springefld P. and E. Co., Ltd., 1; H. C. Suttor, 2. Ram, under 1½yr, shorn: Springfield P. and E. Co., Ltd. Fine-woolled merino ram, unhoused and unclothed—Ram, over 2½yrs: Springfield P. and E. Co., 1; M. G. Lee, 2, h.c. Ram over 1½ and under 2½: G. Lee, 1; Webb and Co., 2. Ram, under 1½, shorn: Springfield P. and E. Company, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Strong combing merino rams, over 2½yrs old: H. C. Suttor, 1; Springfield P. and E. Company, 2. Ram, over 1½ and under 2½: Springfield P. and E. Company, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Strong combing merino rams, under 1½, shorn: Springfield P. and E. Company, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Fine-woolled merino rams, unhoused and unclothed—Ram, over 2½yrs: Springfield P. and E. Company, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Ram, under 2½ yrs: Springfield P. and E. Company, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Ram, under 1½, shorn: Springfield P. and E. Company, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Ram, under 1½, shorn: Springfield P. and E. Company, 1; E. Webb and Co., 2 and h.c. Fine-woolled merino ewes—Ewe, over 2½yrs old: E. Webb and Co., 1 and 2; Springfield P. and E. Company, 3. Ewe, over 1½ and under 2½: Springfield P. and E. Company, h.c. Ewe, under 1½, shorn: E. Webb and Co., 1; H. C. Suttor, 2. Fine-woolled merino ewes—Unhoused and unclothed ewe, over 2½yrs old: E. Webb and Co., 1 and h.c. Spring Field P. and E. Company, 2. Ewe, over 1½ and under 2½: Springfield P. and E. Company, 1; H. C. Suttor, 2. Ewes, under 1½, shorn: E. Webb and Company, 1; Springfield P. and E. Company, 2; W. A. Colley (Duramana), h.c. Strong combing merino ewes—Ewe over 2½ yrs old: Springfield P. and E. Co., 1; E. Webb and Co., 2, and h.c. Ewe over 1½ and under 2½: Springfield P. and E. Co., 1; E. Webb and Co., 2, and h.c.; Suttor, h.c. Ewe under 1½, shorn: H. C. Suttor, 1; Springfield P. and E. Co., 2. Strong combing merino ewes, unhoused and unclothed.—Ewe over 2½ yrs old: E. Webb and Co., 1 and 2; Springfield P. and E. Co., h.c. Ewe over 1½ and under 2½: E. Webb and Co., 1; Springfield P. and E. Co., 2, and h.c. Ewe under 1½, shorn: E. Webb and Co., 1; Springfield P. and E. Co., 2. Strong combing merino ewes, unhoused and unclothed—Ewe over 2½ yrs: Springfield P. and E. Co., 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Ewe under 2½, shorn: Springfield P. and E. Co., 1; E. Webb and Co., 2. Ewe under 1½, shorn: Springfield P. and E. Co., h.c. Smooth bodied merino sheep—Ram over 1½ yrs: Springfield P. and E. Co., 1; A. W. Perry, 2. Ram under 1½ yrs, shorn: E. Webb and Co. Ewe over 1½ yrs: Springfield P. and E. Co., 1; H. C. Suttor, 2. Ewe under 1½, shorn: Springfield P. and E. Co.

Champion Prizes, Merino Rams.—Fine-woolled merino ram, housed: Springfield P. and E. Co. Fine-woolled merino ram, unhoused: Springfield P. and E. Co. Strong-woolled merino ram, housed: H. C. Suttor. Strong-woolled merino ram, unhoused: Springfield P. and E. Co. Merino ewes: Fine-woolled merino ewe, housed: E. Webb and Co. Fine-woolled merino ewe, unhoused: E. Webb and Co. Strong-woolled merino ewe, housed: Springfield P. and E. Co. Strong-woolled merino ewe, unhoused: E. Webb and Co. Grand champion prizes.—Merino ram, housed or unhoused: Springfield P. and E. Co. Merino ewe, housed or unhoused: E. Webb and Co. Breeders' champion prize merino ram, bred by exhibitor: Springfield P. and E. Co. Breeders' champion prize merino ewe, bred by exhibitor: Springfield P. and E. Co. Border Leicester ram, over 2½yrs. old: Thompson Bros., Brewongle, 1; John Godfrey, Raglan, 2. Ram, over 1½ and under 2½ yrs.: Jos. Cox, Eglinton, 1; E. Cosgrove, Raglan, 2. Ewe, over 2½yrs. old: Thompson Bros., 1; John Godfrey, 2. Ewe, over 1½ and under 2½ yrs.: Jos. Cox, 1; Thompson Bros., 2. Romney Marsh ram, over 2½yrs. old: S. S. Hunt, Evans Plains, 1 and 2. Ram, over 1½ and under 2½ yrs.: S. S. Hunt, 1 and 2; Ewe, over 2½yrs.: S. S. Hunt, 1; Dunkley and Mallinson, Dunkeld, 2. Ewe, over 1½ and under 2½ yrs.: S. S. Hunt, 1 and 2. Shropshire ram, over 2½yrs.: O. S. Webb, Tarana. Ram, over 1½ and under 2½yrs.: O. S. Webb. Ewe, over 2½yrs.: Dr. T. A. Machattie, 1 and 2. Ewe, over 1½ and under 2½ yrs

# ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

### PROGRESS DURING THE YEAR.

### MEDICAL CASES FOR THE COAST HOSPITAL.

The 24th annual general meeting of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital was held at the hospital yesterday afternoon. His Excellency the Governor (Sir Harry Rawson) presided. Amongst those with his Excellency on the platform were Mr. J. H. Carruthers, M.L.A. (Premier of New South Wales), Senator Gould, Senator Walker, Sir James Graham, Professor Anderson Stuart, Mr. Jas. Inglis, and Mr. M. Gotthelf. Apologies were received from his Excellency the Admiral, Mr. Justice Cohen, the Attorney-General (Mr. C. G. Wade), the Chief Secretary (Mr. J. A. Hogue), the Minister of Lands (Mr. Jas. Ashton), the Lord Mayor (Alderman Thos. Hughes), and Sir James Fairfax.

Professor Anderson Stuart, in presenting the annual report, said that with regard to the medical side of the work, the statistics disclosed a large increase in the number of patients treated, owing to the fact that they had opened a large number of extra beds. Thus the average number of patients treated was 296 daily, against an average of about 230 for a number of years previously, and the total treated was 4545, against 3456 in the previous year. With regard to the out-patients, there was of course not the same increase, but the number of out-patients and casualty cases treated numbered 12,579, the attendances at the hospital being over 50,000. The operations performed were 2749, against the previous highest number recorded of 2327. Apart from this work, however, the past year was the most important in the history of the hospital, since several new departments had been opened, and the medical staff considerably added to. There had also been opened a department known as the medical gymnastic department, in which the latest notions in orthopaedic treatment, known as the Swedish system, had been introduced, and in which, by means of all sorts of appliances, crooked backs were made straight, and other wonderful things done to people who were unfortunately off the perpendicular. This department was being much utilised, and they had as many as 40 patients under treatment in one day. It had been necessary to add to the general surgical and medical staffs, owing to the increase of work from the opening of the new pavilions, and the honorary staff now numbered 29 members. Two old members of the staff had retired in Dr. Hankins, who had left the State, and Dr. Clubbe, whose term expired by effluxion of time. As an outcome of the establishment of the medical gymnastic department, they had greatly extended the massage work of the hospital, and now had some 16 honorary masseurs and masseuses. The lectures and instruction on massage to candidates for membership of the New Australian Massage Association are given at the hospital. Of the resident staff of the hospital, he could only speak in terms of praise. The chief resident medical officer, Dr. Dansey, carried out his duties most efficiently, and managed the transition of the larger hospital without a hitch. The same might be said of the matron, Miss Newill. The nursing staff had materially increased during the year, owing to the increase of work, and now stood at 95. During the year there had been introduced a new curriculum for nurses, the chief feature of which was that it extended the course of training over four years, and permitted all nurses to acquire a knowledge of some branches of their work not previously possible in a three years' course. Of the staff itself, generally, there had been nothing in the way of a complaint to make. There had been one change in the board of directors during the year—Mr. M'Arthur having had to resign owing to a prolonged stay in London. His place would be filled by Mr. F. H. Morton, who was formerly on the board. The most important matters of administration during the year had arisen out of the report of the secretary, Mr. Epps, who was sent on a tour of the world inspecting hospitals. He put forward a number of valuable recommendations, nearly all of which had been adopted, and many were already in operation. During the year the local committee in Camperdown, Newtown, and St. Peters had done loyal work, with a view to increasing the revenue, and the hospital received from them £225, which, with the £ for £ subsidy, meant £450 per annum. The committee hoped during this year, amongst other work to be done, to increase the number of these committees, and to stimulate those existing to still further exertions, if possible. As would be observed from the balance-sheets, the committee had concluded the year with a deficiency of £3843. This was a large sum, but it was due to the fact that during last year they carried out some most urgent and important works, and spent £4647 in this direction, or over £800 more than the deficiency. So that all the deficiency was due to special expenditure, which would not recur in future years, but would in fact tend rather towards economy in administration, and reduced expenditure. He might refer, in passing, to the fact that if certain negotiations which had been going on with the Government were concluded satisfactorily, as they hoped, they would shortly open the whole of the new pavilions. As was well known, the Coast Hospital was built originally as a temporary smallpox hospital, and after a time it came to be regarded as a permanent institution. Its isolation made it fairly suitable for certain cases, but gradually a system arose of opening beds for general cases, mostly for persons who were quite destitute. Obviously there were many reasons why it was undesirable to have a general hospital so far from the city; but, apart from that, the buildings, which were of corrugated iron, were wearing out, and in such a bad condition that the Government department in charge had applied to have them rebuilt at a cost of about £40,000. The proposition of the board of directors was that instead of rebuilding the Coast Hospital, the Government should send these cases to this hospital, where, of course, they would have the advantage of close proximity to the city, most modern wards and equipment, and the best possible medical attendance. At present the cost per bed at the Coast was about £65, and the board offered to take over the beds at an annual payment per bed of £50. This would be, of course, an obvious saving to the Government, though, no doubt, the cost per bed for the remaining beds for infection cases would be higher than at present. He moved—"That the report and statement of accounts now presented be adopted, printed, and circulated amongst the governors of and subscribers to the hospital, and that copies of the report, together with the balance-sheet, be sent to his Excellency the Governor, and, for the information of the Government, to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary."

Mr. H. E. Kater, M.L.C., treasurer of the hospital, seconded the motion.

The Premier (Mr. J. H. Carruthers), in supporting the motion, and referring to the remarks of Professor Anderson Stuart concerning the offer made by the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital to take over the beds now at the Coast Hospital, said he recollected that about a month ago he initialled a paper giving his approval to the proposal which resulted from the committee of inquiry. He was rather surprised that red tape had been so tightly bound round a public document that the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital committee had not received notice of the fact. That led him to say a word or two about another matter. The Government and the hospitals had the same source of revenue—the money of the public—and the Government could not shut its eyes to the fact that whilst there was rivalry between the various hospitals—and he believed healthy rivalry—some of the hospitals which received Government assistance were in possession of surplus moneys, whilst others could hardly pay their way. Where Parliament gave £100,000 a year on the pound for pound principle there should be some system by which those institutions which spent all their funds for the good of the public could receive more aid. It had, therefore, been determined to appoint a board to allocate the Government grant after making full inquiry into the circumstances of the different institutions. (Hear, hear.)

The motion for the adoption of the report was put, and carried unanimously.

There were vacancies caused by the retirement of seven directors, and the following gentlemen were nominated:—Messrs. J. R. French, Senator Gould, J. Inglis, P. H. Morton, Dr. F. A. Pockley, W. Trotter, and Senator Walker. These were declared elected.

On the motion of Senator Gould, seconded by Sir James Graham, it was ordered,—"That the thanks of the meeting be tendered to the Government and Legislature for the aid given to the funds of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital during the past year."

Senator Walker moved, and Mr. James Inglis seconded, a vote of thanks to the honorary medical officers of the hospital for their very valuable services during the past year.

The prizes won by the nurses were distributed by his Excellency, as follows:—Third year: First, Nurse Vernon (given by Mrs. M'Cormick); second, Nurse Richardson. Second year: First, Nurse Vaughan Jenkins (given by Mrs. Rennie); second, Nurse Howie. First year: First, Nurse Tilstone Muscio; second, Nurse Manning. Special prizes:—Surgical nursing: Nurse Vaughan Jenkins. Gynaecological nursing: Nurse Vernon, Nurse Richardson (given by Dr. Taylor Young). Bandaging: Nurse Baxter (given by Dr. Sandes).

On the motion of Mr. P. H. Morton, seconded by Mr. Gotthelf, a vote of thanks was accorded his Excellency for presiding.

His Excellency, in acknowledging the vote, referred to the deficiency on the year's operations, but said that after the explanation of the chairman of the board it was not such a terrible thing after all. He also thanked the directors for naming one of the wards after his late wife.

The proceedings then ended.

# LANDS COMMISSION CASES.

## CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY.

### THE BURRAWONG LEASES.

### PAYMENTS IN NOTES.

The trial of William Patrick Crick, ex-Minister for Lands, and William Nicholas Willis, land agent, upon a charge of conspiracy, was continued before Mr. Justice Simpson and a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr. Pilcher, K.C., Mr. Garland, and Mr. Pollock, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared to prosecute; Mr. Lamb, Mr. W. A. Walker, and Mr. Pickburn, instructed by Mr. F. Yelverton Wilson, appeared for William Nicholas Willis; and the defendant Crick conducted his own defence.

The examination of Richard Frederick Chambers, head of the Occupation Leases Branch of the Lands Department, was continued. Witness identified certain documents filed in the Lands Department in connection with various leases. Defendant Crick objected to the admission of any documents which did not bear his signature, but the documents were admitted.

Papers in connection with the following leases were tendered by witness: J. K. Mackay (4), Tobin, Yeomans, Scott, J. L. Brown (2), Hain (4), Grant (1), Blomfield, and A. D. Brown.

Mr. Lamb objected to the documents being put in, on the ground that they were immaterial, and were in no way connected with Willis. He also objected to any documents not previously seen by Crick being admitted.

Defendant Crick objected to the admission of the papers on the ground that there were documents amongst them which he had not seen, as they had been dealt with up to a certain stage by previous Ministers.

Mr. Pilcher contended that it was defendant Crick's duty to look thoroughly into every matter in connection with a lease before he granted it, and he therefore must accept the responsibility of passing the various documents.

His Honor admitted the documents.

Thomas William Michael Wilcox, a director of the firm of Edols and Co., Limited, of Burrawong, examined by Mr. Garland, said that during the late drought his firm spent £125,000 to keep the stock alive. The lease of the property was about to expire, and at the end of 1902 he saw defendant Willis with regard to getting an improvement lease. He asked Willis to get the Government to put the lease up for public auction.

Mr. Garland: Was anything said about remuneration then?—I don't remember. I don't think there was.

Continuing, witness said that in May, 1903, three leases were gazetted for sale by auction. In June two more leases were gazetted. The area of the leases was about 47,000 acres.

Did you make any payments to Willis?

Defendant Crick objected to the question, and his Honor disallowed it.

Did you have any conversation with Willis with regard to payment for securing improvement leases?

Defendant Crick objected, on the grounds that the evidence showed that the application was not for an improvement lease, but for the putting up of the land to public auction.

His Honor upheld the objection.

Mr. Garland: What conversation did you have with Willis with regard to what payment he should get for dealing with the application?—I can't remember the exact conversation. I can say how much I gave him.

His Honor: That will not do.

Mr. Garland: What did you pay Willis about the end of 1902 and up to the middle of 1903?

Defendant Crick objected to the question, inasmuch as it was not material to the charge. There was nothing to connect the payments from Wilcox to Willis to himself. It was not fair to load the case with evidence that could not connect any of the payments to himself.

Mr. Lamb also objected, and pointed out that the evidence to be given by Wilcox against the defendants was similar to that given by witnesses against Bath in the last case, when the defendant was acquitted practically at the direction of the Judge, who, in his summing up, stated that there was no evidence against him.

His Honor admitted the evidence.

His Honor: What did you pay Willis about the end of 1902 and up to the middle of 1903 in respect of these applications?

Witness: On September 11 I paid £500.

Mr. Garland: In large notes?—Yes, I think fifties.

Did you get a receipt?—No.

When did you make the next payment?—I can't say.

On Mr. Garland handing witness a cheque to refresh his memory, he said that on March 11, 1903, he handed Willis £2900 in bank notes. They were large notes. Either £50 or £100 notes. He got no receipt for the money.

Do you remember making a further payment to Willis?—Yes.

How much?—£600 on March 24, 1903.

His Honor: In notes?—Yes, large notes.

Mr. Garland: Did you make any further payments?—On June 29, I gave Willis £2900 in large notes.

Was that the last payment you made to Willis?—As far as I know.

Cross-examined by defendant Crick, witness said that he got no receipt for the money at all. He added, "I gave Mr. Willis the money, and he said, 'Thank you.' That's all the receipt I got.

Did you or any member of your firm receive any letter from Willis stating that the accounts you mentioned had been paid?

Mr. Pilcher objected, and his Honor disallowed the question.

Continuing, witness said that the documents shown to him by the Crown were not signed by him, neither were they signed by the company. They were orders by Daigety and Co., who advanced the money represented in the payments to Willis.

Can you say whether Daigety and Co. had any arrangement with Willis?—I don't know.

These are cheques on Daigety's private forms, would they not represent a receipt?

Mr. Pilcher objected to the question, which was disallowed.

Do you know that there are several firms who print their own cheques, and are not these cheques always regarded as receipts?

His question was also objected to, and disallowed.

Witness said that the money he paid Willis was not only for work in connection with the applications, but for other work as well.

Did you ever see me with regard to these leases?—No, I never saw you in my life until a few months ago, at the Police Court.

In reply to Mr. Lamb, witness said that during the drought his company lost between 40,000 and 50,000 sheep out of 200,000 they owned. The leases were running out, and if they had not been able to get the improvement leases and other lands they applied for they would have been practically ruined, and the sheep that had cost £125,000 to keep alive would have died.

His Honor: Was it so bad as that?—Oh, yes, your Honor, it was awful.

Continuing, witness said that they wanted a smart man to get things through the Lands Department, and they chose Willis. Up till the time Crick became Minister it was practically impossible to get anything through under a number of years.

Mr. Lamb: Did Willis go to you?—No, I went to him; I had never seen him till I went to his office to ask him about the leases.

Continuing, witness said that the payments he made to Willis were for work done in connection with a lot of other matters, and not entirely with getting the improvement leases. When the leases were put up the public had an opportunity to bid if they wanted to. There was only one person bid against them. That man competed for a small block and only put in one bid. When they got the leases they had to pay 4½d per acre per annum for four lots, and 5½d for the remaining one. The rent they previously paid was 2.501d per acre.

The Court then adjourned till 10 o'clock this morning.


### ULCERS IN EYES, SIGHT THREATENED.

#### CURED BY CUTICURA.

"I used the Cuticura Remedies eight years ago for my little boy, who had ulcers in the eyes, which resulted from vaccination. His face and nose were in a bad state also. At one time we thought he would lose his sight for ever, and at that time he was in the hospital for seven or eight months and under specialists. The discharge from the eyes and nose was bad and would have left scars, I feel sure, had it not been for the free use of Cuticura Remedies. The Cuticura Resolvent seemed to send the trouble out, the Ointment healed it outwardly, and the soap cleansed and healed both. He is entirely cured now; but since then I have bought the Cuticura Resolvent to cleanse and purify the blood, and the Soap I cannot speak too highly of as a cleansing and medicinal beautifier."—Mrs. Agnes Wright, Irwin, Pa., Oct. 16, 1905."

The original of the above testimonial is on file in the office of the Potter Drug and Chemical Corporation. Reference: R. Towns and Co., Merchants, Sydney, N.S.W.—Advt.


Among the portraits in this week's issue of the "Sydney Mail" are: Modesto Varischetti, the Italian who was rescued from the mine in Western Australia, and Divers Hughes and Hearne, the two heroes of the Bonnie Vale sensation.—Advt.

The Aquatic Notes in the "Sydney Mail" by "Trident" never lose interest week by week. The author is always well informed on important matches, and his remarks on the aquatic championship match this week are full of interest.—Advt.

# LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17.

## THE HIGH COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, Sir Samuel Griffith, Mr. Justice Isaacs, and Mr. Justice Higgins.)

HEYDON AND ANOTHER v LILLIS.

Argument was concluded and judgment reserved.

(Before the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, Sir Samuel Griffith, Mr. Justice O'Connor, Mr. Justice Isaacs, and Mr. Justice Higgins.)

MARSH v WILLIAMS.

Dr. Cullen, K.C., Mr. Pike, and Mr. Boyce (instructed by Mr. J. Robinson) appeared for the appellant, William James Marsh; and Mr. C. B. Stephen, K.C., and Mr. Delohery (instructed by the Crown Solicitor) for the respondent, James Leslie Williams, nominal defendant for the New South Wales Government.

This was an appeal from the decision of the Supreme Court under which Marsh was held liable to pay twice the ordinary rate for a non-residential conditional purchase lease at Forbes, which was taken up in 1887, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884. While admitting that he was required to pay double the usual amount of deposit and instalments, the appellant contended that the price payable by him for the lease was the usual one.

The case stands part heard.

A NEW CALEDONIAN DISPUTE.

Mr. Windeyer (instructed by Mr. Nott, of Messrs. Thompson and Nott), applied for an order for leave to issue a writ of ca. re. ex parte John Gillies Macdonald, against James Dent Oswald and George Lawson. Macdonald was the plaintiff and Oswald and Lawson were the defendants in an action now pending in Victoria. This was brought by plaintiff to secure the cancellation of his assignment of certain oil properties in New Caledonia to the defendants, or, alternatively, to recover £1000 damages. The contention of the plaintiff was that the assignment was made by him upon representations which subsequently proved misleading.

After consideration, the Chief Justice announced that the affidavit did not disclose sufficient grounds for granting the application.

# SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

## EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.)

A FAMILY SUIT.

Brown v Brown.

Mr. J. A. Browne, and Mr. J. A. Ferguson, instructed by Mr. E. A. Beeby (of Messrs. Beeby and Co.), appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Langer Owen, K.C., and Mr. Milner Stephen, instructed by Messrs. Hughes and Hughes, for the defendant Andrew Brown; Mr. Rich, instructed by Mr. A. J. M'Donald, for defendant Michael Brown; Mr. Harvey, instructed by Messrs. Higgins and Robinson, for all the other defendants except Nora Kennedy; and Mr. Coyle, instructed by Messrs. Beehag and Simpson, for Nora Kennedy. This was a suit brought by John Walter Brown (executor of the will of Martin Brown, deceased) against Andrew Brown, Michael Brown, and other defendants, to obtain a decree as to the interests of the various parties concerned. When the case was again called on it was announced that a settlement had been arrived at. The testator was declared to be a partner to the extent of half the lands claimed by plaintiff on behalf of the estate, the right of defendant Andrew Brown to the other half being admitted, and defendant Michael Brown retaining all interests in the lands included in the deeds in which his name appeared.

## BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. Arthur Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re Franklin Rosseau Kron. The Registrar ordered the certificate to be issued. Mr. E. Lucas appeared for the bankrupt.

Re Robert Sharpe. Mr. Rawlinson appeared for the bankrupt in support of a motion for a certificate. The report of the official assignee and bankrupt's affidavit in reply were read. The Registrar found that bankrupt had failed to keep proper books, that he continued to trade, knowing himself to be insolvent, and contracted debts without reasonable or probable ground of expectation of being able to pay them. Bankrupt had also lost a good deal of money at horse races, and had kept no account. The Registrar further found that bankrupt bought a horse from Mr. S. Hordern for £80, sold it at a profit, and received some of the purchase-money after the bankruptcy notice was served upon him, but that he did not pay Mr. Hordern. The certificate was suspended for two years, and then only to issue on condition that bankrupt paid the costs of the petitioning creditors. The unsecured liabilities were £1074 15s 7d, and the amount realised was nil.

The certificate applications of Thomas Gainford, Thomas James O'Brien, and Edward Farrar Hardwick were adjourned.

SINGLE MEETING, ETC.

Re George Fautly Taylor. The bankrupt was further examined by the official assignee, and the meeting closed. The public examination was declared concluded. The examination under section 30 was adjourned to May 1.

SECTION 30 EXAMINATION.

Re Thomas Atkinson Price. This examination was not proceeded with.

Re Thomas James Steel. As a witness whose evidence was required was not served, the examination was adjourned to May 29.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

Thomas Frederick Hallam, of Bonshaw, near Inverell, labourer. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

## COURT OF MARINE INQUIRY.

(Before Judge Backhouse, President, and Captains Vine Hall and Witherspoon, assessors.)

THE STRANDING OF THE TSINAN.

Mr. Robison, of the Crown Law Offices, appeared for the Department of Navigation; and Mr. Broomfield, instructed by Messrs. Marshall and Marks, for Captain Lindbergh, the master of the vessel and the navigating staff. This was an inquiry into the circumstances attending the stranding of the steamer Tsinan on "D" reef, near Cooktown, Queensland, on March 25 last. The statement as to the occurrence submitted by the Department of Navigation was as follows:—At the time of the accident the Tsinan was on a passage from Hongkong to Melbourne, and left Cooktown at 6.30 a.m. on March 25. While securing the anchors the engines were put slow, and at 6.45 a.m. full speed ahead, and the captain set the course S. 62 degrees E. true. At 7.10 a.m. when the beacon which the captain took to be on "D" reef, but which in fact was on "C" reef) bore S. 2½ degrees E. true, he altered the course to S. 15 degrees E. true, so as to pass between the reefs and Monkhouse Point. At 7.17 the vessel grounded on "D" reef. A few minutes before the chief officer had relieved the third, and both the master and chief officer were looking out for the beacons. Captain Lindbergh's suspicion that something was wrong had been aroused, and he took the bearings of Archer Point and Grassy Hill, which showed that the vessel was in dangerous proximity to "D" reef, but before the course could be altered she grounded. The sea was still, and the tide about 1½ hours ebb, setting strongly about SSE across the reef. The sun was rising, and glittering on the water, and there were no indications that the vessel was near the reef till she grounded. The master was unaware that the beacon on "D" reef had been blown away in the cyclone of January 31, and took the one on "C" reef to be it. As soon as the vessel struck, the engines were stopped, and the holds and tanks sounded, and as she was not making any water the engines were put full speed astern, but the tide was falling rapidly, and the steamer would not come off. A bower anchor lashed between two lifeboats, with 160 fathoms of 1¼in steel wire hawser, was run out on the port quarter, the after ballast tank pumped out, and some cargo shifted from No. 1 to No. 4 hold, and eventually lightered. In spite of various attempts to get the vessel off, she remained on the reef until 7.25 a.m. on the 28th, when she came astern on her engines. The cargo which had been lightered was then reshipped at Cooktown, and the steamer proceeded on her voyage. On leaving Cooktown on the day of the casualty the patent log was not set, and the captain did not comply with the sailing direction for clearing "D" reef, nor did he inquire at Cooktown as to any changes that might have taken place in consequence of the cyclone—"D" reef is distant 4¼ miles from Cooktown, and "C" reef 7¼ miles. On arrival at Sydney the steamer was surveyed. Mr. Robison added that he understood the estimated damage to be about £1000.

His Honor: One would naturally suppose that the fact of an important beacon like that on "D" reef being gone would have been communicated to the master of a vessel arriving at Cooktown. He would expect some official to inform him if there was a change.

Mr. Robison: The point I put is that these beacons are not infallible guides.

His Honor: That may be so, but the question is, Did the master act as a reasonable person ordinarily would?

Captain Lindbergh having been examined,

The Court said it was of opinion that there was no evidence of careless navigation on the part of the master. The patent log was not set, but even if it had been the Court thought it would not have helped the master. It must be distinctly understood that the Court did not say that there would be no negligence on the part of a master of a vessel simply because a beacon had been blown away. It would be his duty to verify his course; but in this particular case it was perfectly clear that there was no negligence at all on the part of Captain Lindbergh, who was to be congratulated upon getting his vessel off.

# QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Murray.)

Mr. Harris prosecuted for the Crown.

FALSE PRETENCES.

Joseph Newsome, who was defended by Mr. Speer, was found guilty of having obtained goods and money from Isaac Bergman, of Sydney, in May, 1905. Evidence was given showing that the prisoner had pretended that he was entitled to money under the will of his late mother. In defence, Newsome pleaded that he had certain expectations, but could not say exactly what they amounted to. The prisoner was sent to Goulburn Gaol for 12 months, with hard labour.

PLEADED GUILTY.

Eva Hazlett pleaded guilty to having stolen a sum of money from a man who was in her company. Mr. P. Bourke, who appeared for the woman, asked that she might be released on recognisances, but his Honor held that the circumstances of the case did not permit such action, and ordered her to be imprisoned for three months, with light labour, in Darlinghurst Gaol.

# LAW NOTICES.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18.

## HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

At Darlinghurst Courthouse, at 10.30 a.m.—March v Williams (part heard). Binnie and another v Campbell, the Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, v Orr and others.

## SUPREME COURT.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—Godfrey v Godfrey, 10.15 a.m.; in re gent., one, etc., ex parte Drinan, 11 a.m.; in re name, ex parte name, 2 p.m.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge.—At 10 a.m.: Johnson v Dixon, originating summons; Wilson v Wardrope, originating summons; Perpetual Trustee Company v the Attorney-General, originating summons. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Wellbasch Light Co. v Grace, to tax costs. At 12 noon: Douglas v Douglas, to settle minutes of order. At 2 p.m.: Simmons v Simmons, to settle minutes of order.

Probate Jurisdiction.—The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—Mary Walsh, 10.15; David Welsh, 10.30; Jeremiah O'Leary, 10.45; Albany Barr Brown, 11; Hon. Samuel Henry Terry, 11.30.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.: Certificate application, Francisco Giacinto Taverna. Single meeting—Charles W. McFarlane. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 10.15 a.m.: Taxation of debtors' costs—Donald Gillespie. At 10.30 a.m.: Taxation of petitioning creditor's costs—Philip Eric Stramberg.

In Lunacy.—Before the Chief Clerk, 10.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.: General inquiries and maintenance matters.

## INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION OFFICE.

Public Works Buildings, Phillip-street.—Before the Acting Registrar.—At 9.15 a.m.: The Hairdressers and Wigmakers' Employees' Union v John William Smith, to settle issues. At 9.30 a.m.: Re Carpenters and Joiners' award, application for interpretation of clause 3.

## DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Backhouse, in No. 1 Court, at 10 a.m.—Westcott and another v Gregory, Kerr v Haughton, Richard v Mahony, Malouf and another v Shead, Holmes v Greevy.

Note.—The list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

## CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

William Patrick Crick and William Nicholas Willis, conspiracy (part heard).

## SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

James Hayes, stealing; Esther Williamson, burglary; Matthew Phillippi, stealing.

## CUSTOMS INQUIRIES.

Before the Acting Collector of Customs, Sydney (Mr. J. Baxter).—The following cases will be dealt with under Part XV of the Customs Act, 1901, and Part XIII of the Excise Act, 1901:—Part XV: Ah Kum, in possession of unreported goods; L. Sunderland (Metcalfe and Barnard), misdescription of goods. Part XIII: A. Loomes (Young), R. H. Howes (Gunnedah), C. S. Marsden (Moree), E. C. Cavanagh (Moree), J. B. Leigh (Tamworth), G. A. Hunn (Lithgow), R. Vought (Lithgow), omission to cut beer duty stamps; A. M. Milne (Milne Bros.), breach of section 10, Distillation Act.


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# A PRISONER'S DRAMATIC CONFESSION.

## "BATTLE, MURDER, AND SUDDEN DEATH."

### A BOGUS STORY.

The Ancient Mariner, the Mate of the Nancy Bell, and other seafaring heroes of tradition found a rival in imaginative work in Joseph Newsome, a 21-year-old sailor, who appeared before Judge Murray at the Quarter Sessions yesterday, charged with having obtained goods and money by false pretences.

The evidence showed that by professing to be entitled to £60 worth of property in Toronto, Canada, under the will of his late mother, who had died in Leeds, England, Newsome had persuaded Isaac Bergman to put his faith in him, which faith had been abused. Newsome, who was defended by Mr. Speer, contended, in a dialect which was a strange mixture of North of England and Canadian, that he was really entitled to a legacy, though how much it represented he could not say. It was elicited that after his arrest, while Newsome was in gaol at Glen Innes, he made the following remarkable statement in writing:—

Glen Innes Gaol, January 1, 1907.

I, Joseph Newsome, alias Joseph Russell and William Hobbs, do hereby voluntarily make the following, and if communication is established with the Chief of Police, Scotland Yard, London, Captain Pettle will at once be sent and have no difficulty in identifying me as William Hobbs, a former member of his crew on the full-rigged ship Leicester Castle of Liverpool on a voyage from San Francisco to Queenstown. I shipped at San Francisco in the above vessel, and on the night of September 2, 1902, I, together with my two shipmates, Sears and Turner, went to the cabin door, where I entered (about 10.30 p.m.), and they kept watch at the door, and I went to the captain's room-door and knocked. He answered, "What is the matter?" I replied that a man had just fallen down from the foreyard and broken both legs. He came to the door and opened it, saying, "Tell the second mate to have him brought aft, here." I immediately pulled out my revolver, and shot him three successive times. He closed with me, and shouted out, afterwards dropping. Sears had previously been to the second mate on the poop, and told him to go forward, as a man had fallen from aloft; but upon hearing the captain shout he came running aft, and as he ran in the door I shot him twice, and he dropped. We were at this time about 30 miles SW of Pitcairn Island, and the three of us managed to lash a few hatches into a raft, and, as a dead calm prevailed, went over the side in her. The watch on deck never attempted to stop us. They must have been asleep. Next day we were picked up by a fishing boat, and taken to Pitcairn Island, where I remained for eight months and then went with Turner (Sears stayed) in a fishing cutter to the Island of Juan Fernandez, 300 miles from Valparaiso, Chili, where I left Turner, and shipped in the ship Waterloo, Captain Flowers, under the name of Russell.

Upon my arrival in England, I found out that Captain Pettie had survived; but that the second mate had died immediately, and that I and the two others (Sears and Turner) were wanted on a charge of murder.

In order to show that my confessions are solid, I may state that I have already confessed that I absconded from Sydney in July last, and that a warrant is issued for my arrest for obtaining goods and money from Isaac Bergman and Messrs. Wallace and Son, Royal-chambers, Sydney, and also that I was released from Maitland Gaol on December 24 last, under the name of Joseph Russell. It is understood that a reward is at present offered by the Scotland Yard authorities, and, if so, it is my desire that upon my conviction such reward should be handed to the gaoler and warder at Glen Innes, N.S.W. Joseph Russell, alias William Hobbs.

In reply to Judge Murray, Newsome explained that he had written the confession the day after his arrest, when he was suffering from delirium tremens. He had joined the ship the voyage after the tragedy, and heard about it from the crew.

He was found guilty, and sent to gaol for 12 months.

# CHARITABLE INSTITUTION.

## ROYAL PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL.

The report for the week ending April 13 is as follows:—Number of beds, 318; number of in-patients at last report, 279; since admitted, 85; discharged, 75; died, 4; remaining in hospital on April 14, 285. Number of out-patients treated during the week, 566; number of casualty cases treated but not admitted, 474; total, 1040.


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Bright and Interesting.—The "Sydney Mail" of this week has several Australian and Young Folks Stories, and other special articles of interest.—Advt.

A splendid picture of Sir Foote, the famous stallion, appears in the issue of the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

# POLICE COURTS.

## A CHINESE HERBALIST'S CLAIM.

Mr. M. S. Love, P.M., gave his reserved decision yesterday in the cases heard in the Small Debts Court—Lee Kum v Quinn, and Quinn v Lee Kum. Evidence in the cases was taken on the previous day. Robert Lee Kum, a Chinese herbalist, of Campbell-street, sued Thomas Patrick Quinn, of Blanmore, for £27 2s 6d, goods sold and delivered between July 24 and August 10, 1906, and for work and labour done on or about December 23, 1905, and other dates up to August 27, 1906. Mr. Curtis (instructed by Messrs. Crick and Carroll) appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. J. W. Abigail for the defendant.

There was a counter claim by Quinn against Lee Kum for £25 remuneration for introducing clients. The evidence given was to the effect that plaintiff was a Chinese herbalist and healed Quinn successfully for a growth on the lip and eczema, and had also cured two lady friends of Quinn's. Quinn deposed that he had not been cured by plaintiff, but had to have his lip operated upon. In regard to his claim, he had introduced several clients to Lee Kum when he had faith in him. Lee Kum had agreed to pay him £5 for each case he introduced to him. The magistrate, who stated that the cases had been brought before him in a peculiar manner, awarded the plaintiff, Lee Kum, in the first case, and returned a verdict for the defendant, Lee Kum, in the second case.

## STEALING A PURSE.

Louisa Dixon, 22, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, with hard labour, at the Central Police Court yesterday for stealing a purse containing 15s from the person of Thomas Murphy, on April 11. Murphy's story was that Dixon came up to him in an hotel in the city, pushed him against the wall, took his purse out of his pocket and then ran away.

## THEFT.

A woman, 73 years of age, named Sarah Clifford, who was characterised by Senior-Sergeant Davis as being one of the "oldest" pickpockets in Australia, appeared at the Central Police Court yesterday on a charge of frequenting a public place, George-street, with intent to commit a felony, to wit, to steal. The police stated that she was in the habit of following lady purchasers into shops, and at the time of her arrest was detected taking a lace centre-cloth from a shop tray. Clifford was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Vera Marshall, alias Kate M'Dean, 30, was sentenced to three months' hard labour at the Central Police Court yesterday for stealing a suit of clothes, a clock and one photo, album, valued at £2 10s. The evidence showed that defendant was living with Joseph Charles, from whom the property was stolen on March 28. She claimed that she took the clothes, because she had not been paid wages as agreed. She pawned the clothes.

## OYSTER SALOON KEEPER FINED.

At the Central Police Court yesterday, Joseph Virgona, aged 19, a waiter, was charged with having sold one bottle of porter and one bottle of beer without having a license to do so. Mr. Hayes, of the Crown Law Office, prosecuted, and Mr. Shipway appeared for the defendant. In the evidence it was stated that Constable M'Neill and a civilian named Bayliss went to an oyster saloon at 100 Market-street on the night of April 11, after 11 o'clock, and the defendant served them with beer. The defence was to the effect that the beer and stout were obtained from an adjacent hotel before 11 o'clock. Defendant was fined £30, in default two months.

## ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

Thomas Glasson, 52, clerk, was charged by warrant at the Central Police Court yesterday with embezzlement at Ashfield. Mr. Langley appeared for the defendant, who was remanded to the Burwood Police Court till April 25, bail being fixed, self and one surety of £200 each.

## STEALING BY FINDING.

At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. L. S. Donaldson, S.M., William O'Connor, 18, a newsvendor, and Hugh Thompson, 19

## BIRTHS.

CORBETT.—April 15, at Killara, Spofforth-street, Mosman, the wife of Mr. E. S. Corbett, A.I.A.—a daughter.

ELLIOTT.—April 4, at her residence, Queen-street, Uralla, the wife of J. Elliott—a daughter (Christine Theodora).

## MARRIAGES.

BURKE—GRIFFITHS.—April 2, at St. John's, Glebe Point, by the Rev. S. S. Tovey, James C., third son of the late William Burke, of Araluen, to Elizabeth May, eldest daughter of Thomas Griffiths, Sydney.

DALZIELL—CONROY.—March 27, at St. Peter's Church, North Sydney, by Rev. J. Kinghorn, Charles A. H. Dalziell, of Lismore, youngest son of Alexander Dalziell, Rose Vale, Lewther, to Elvina C., eldest daughter of Mrs. J. Conroy, of Sydney.

MACFARLANE—WILLIS.—April 17, 1907, at St. Stephen's Church, Phillip-street, Sydney, William Macpherson, youngest son of the late John Macfarlane, M.D., to Gertrude Marion, widow of the late William Charles Willis, and youngest daughter of the late John Macphillamy, of Mount Tamar, Bathurst, N.S.W.

## DEATHS.

CHAPMAN.—April 16, 1907, at her residence, Beamish-street, Auburn, Sarah Chapman, aged 81 years. Died suddenly.

GALE.—April 17, at Dubbo, Mary, aged 2½ years, the beloved and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morley Gale, Bank of Australasia, Narromine, and granddaughter of Albert Gale, Esq., J.P., Tredegar, Stanmore. A bud in Heaven.

SMALL.—April 17, 1907, at Doncarr, Leura, New South Wales, Florence Hilda, dearly loved daughter of Mrs. J. W. Small, of Rexmoor, Balwyn, Victoria, aged 22 years.

SMITH.—April 16, 1907, at his late residence, 13 Myrtle-street, Leichhardt, Edmund Dean Smith, aged 76 years. At rest.

## IN MEMORIAM.

BRIEN.—In loving memory of Arthur Brien, who died April 18, 1905, aged 16 years. Inserted by loving mother, brothers, and sisters. Safe in the arms of Jesus.

CONNOLLY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear son and our brother, Augustine James Connolly, who was accidentally killed while shunting at Redfern Railway Yards, on 17th April, 1903. Inserted by his loving mother, sisters, and brothers. R.I.P.

EVANS.—In sad but loving memory of my dear father, William Evans, of Balmain, who died at Little Bay, April 18th, 1906.
Through all pains at times he smiled
A smile of heavenly birth;
And when the angels called him home,
He smiled farewell to earth.
Heaven retaineth now our treasure,
Earth the lonely casket keeps;
And the sunbeams love to linger
Where my sainted father sleeps.
Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, C. and J. Jinkins, and grandchildren, of Balmain.

EVANS.—In loving memory of William Evans, who died April 18, 1906. Gone on before, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Keda and Edward Phillips.

EVANS.—In loving memory of my dear father, William Evans, who departed this life on April 18, 1906. Inserted by his loving son, William. Interred at Field of Mars Cemetery.

MAXWORTHY.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Ann Maxworthy, who departed this life on 18th of April, 1899. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving children, Henry, Ethel, and Mabel.

MAXWORTHY.—In loving memory of my dear grandmother, Mary Ann Maxworthy, who departed this life on 18th April, 1899. Inserted by her loving grandson, S. B. Wallace.

MAXWORTHY.—In loving remembrance of our dear sister, Mary Ann Maxworthy, who departed this life on the 18th April, 1899. Thy will be done. Inserted by her loving sister and brother, Eliza Coster and James Braker.

NUGENT.—In loving remembrance of our beloved mother, Susannah Nugent, who passed peacefully away, April 18, 1900, aged 58 years. To be with Christ, which is far better. Inserted by her affectionate daughters, Susie, Mrs. W. J. Mitchell, and Mrs. J. H. Roberts.

TASKER.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Thomas Tasker, who departed this life April 18, 1905. Inserted by his loving children, Grace, Alma, Robie, and Ray.

WATSON.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Frank Morris Watson, who died April 18, 1906, after a long and painful illness. Inserted by his sorrowing mother and father, sisters and brothers.

WATSON.—In loving memory of Frank Morris Watson, who died April 18, 1906. Inserted by his dear friend, Ruby Glading.

WILLIAMS.—In loving memory of my dear friend, R. Sydney Williams, who died after a brief illness April 18, 1905, aged 27. Inserted by Arthur K. Bowden.

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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors,
J. RUSSELL FRENCH, General Manager.
Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, 30th March, 1907.

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## THE LABOUR OBJECTIVE.

The Queensland elections are to be held in a month's time, and the Labour party has just issued its manifesto. In this it is following hard after Mr. Kidston, who aims at breaking it in pieces, while remaining in name a follower, and Mr. Philp, who appeals to the country as an exponent of true Liberal principles. The Premier has denounced socialism, but would use the socialists to retain power, so that the manifesto now under review is interesting as a counterblast. Yet it may be noted that Labour-Socialists in Queensland do not obtrude their revolutionary ideals. They make large demands, and as a party claim to be the mouthpiece of the people, the instrument of progress. It would almost appear that the progress made since separation in 1859 had been entirely their doing, and that their appearance in 1893 had made Queensland possible as a white man's country. Yet the experience of New South Wales has really been that of the northern State. Labour has come in with great claims, but it has only become a political entity because of the patriotic and unceasing giving of themselves in public life of men like Wentworth and Parkes. Every reform now demanded has been led up to by the actual reforms of past generations, moved by true Liberalism; and the people of both States are beginning to realise that the Labour party with its appeals and assumptions does not after all even begin to represent them. It is essentially a class party, with class ends to serve. But the Queensland manifesto is notable in that it does not mention socialism, and its sponsors roar as gently as possible when dealing with the hated capitalist. All that is intended now is to wipe out the monopolist and middleman. The party's methods, we are told, "are evolutionary and constitutional." It does not contemplate a catastrophic change, and has no intention of building up a new order by proclamation on the ruins of the old.

This is, of course, very mild in comparison with much of the talk that has led up to the manifesto. Mr. Mat. Reid, the president of the organisation, whose name appears at the foot of the document, is noted for his uncompromising hostility to things as they are—for his hatred of the capitalist; and the official organ of the party never ceases its railing against the old order. But the reality of an out-and-out socialism is still to be discerned in the manifesto. "The Labour party recognises," so it runs, "that the only radical cure for the unemployed question is the abolition of the system of production for profit." It proposes to obtain the reins of power by educating people to a belief in the measures and ideals that will secure this; but it contemplates an enlarged State control in which there will be no room for the individual as such. Meanwhile objection is taken to immigration until the surplus labour of Australia is absorbed. This means that however crippled our great primary industries may be by the lack of efficient help, not a soul will be allowed to land on these shores while a single dead-beat hobbles along our highways. We have absolute evidence of the general need. Our mines and farms are crying out for labourers, and the sugar industry of Northern Queensland is in danger of extinction because of the deportation of the kanakas. But the Labour party insists that there is plenty of help; and apparently Australia is to stay with four millions of people for another generation. It is reassuring that Queensland, at any rate, is waking up. Its verdict at the last Federal elections was sufficiently emphatic that Labour had no hold upon the masses, and we may hope and believe that the polls next month will reiterate that conclusion.

## LAND SETTLEMENT.

Word comes from Narrabri that a local landowner with 6000 acres ready for settlement is preparing to cut up the estate into suitable blocks, and the news is worth a special note by all who are not obsessed with the thought of State feeding-bottles and departmental go-carts. This process of subdividing and selling good lands privately is going on steadily all over the country in the agricultural belt. Kyogle and Gloucester are facts as well as Myall Creek and Marrar. As against the method of repurchasing estates by the Government and selling them again at an advance just sufficient to cover expenses, there may seem some ground for objection. Long terms from the State, with a low rate of interest into the bargain, appear so much more likely to serve the struggling farmer who wants a start and a helping hand part of the way forward. But the trouble is that the State is not a philanthropic institution. It cannot afford to sell repurchased lands except to persons able to pay for them, and as often as not it simply helps those who are quite able to help themselves. One of the grievances against the Government in its dealings with would-be settlers in the past has been that it has preferred the small or large capitalist to the man without means, and that it has been altogether too inquisitorial in its search for bank balances on the right side of the ledger. That is to say, the State must be regarded as a business concern in these matters, and Ministers have been anxious to make quite sure that public money has not been handed over to indigent folk, who would lean hard upon them and in the end—risk the bailiff.

Such a statement of the general position brings out the other side of the question, that private vendors in most callings are quite willing to do business on fair terms. If private estates are cut up, and if owners do not wish to be left in the lurch, there must be a readiness to meet would-be buyers. A great deal of land through the Darling Downs, in Southern Queensland, has been disposed of in this way; and there is still eagerness to sell farms obtained by subdivision by giving long terms at a low rate of interest. It may not compare altogether with the comfort provided by Government in its sale of repurchased estates, but in the main there is little real difference. If the price is a reasonable one to begin with, and the farmer understands his business, there is little difficulty in obtaining the deeds or in assuring a safe position; and should adversity through drought come the vendor stands to lose as much as the purchaser if the latter cannot meet his liabilities. Under ordinary conditions, and in the present prosperous state of Eastern Australia, every possible encouragement should be given to the cutting up of estates by private enterprise. It is the true line of progress. It stands for self-respect and increasing strength. It gives Governments no excuse for trying risky experiments with public money. When the State is competing in the open market the price of land goes up, estates are withheld from subdivision, and settlement is frequently retarded. Where there is a willingness to put large areas into the market in farm lots, instead of waiting for a Government bid, it would even pay to offer premiums by way of encouragement to those responsible. In any case, the Land Bank exists to help the settler, and between the two the man who wants land should soon find what is good for him.

## OUR FIRE-FIGHTING ORGANISATION.

The opening of a new fire station at Kogarah was made the occasion of some Ministerial references to the fire brigades and to the question of fire-fighting generally. The Premier was able to announce that this year a larger sum than ever before had been allotted by the Treasurer for the purpose, while the Minister directly in charge of the brigades stated that the board had spent about £44,000 per annum. This is a large outlay, yet not out of proportion to the interests to be safeguarded. But the double question arises here as to whether the Government is not finding too much of that money, in the first place, and if we are getting a full measure of protection in the second. In reference to the first, it may be gathered from the Premier's remarks that he is not quite satisfied with things as they are. To his mind the Government subsidy is but a way of relieving from their just responsibility those persons who make profits and dividends out of fire insurance business. At least that is the meaning which will be currently attached to his remarks when giving notice of a projected alteration in the law which shall place a share of the burden upon those who derive these large dividends. Of course the Premier must be aware that in advocating this line of action he is taking a step which must have the effect of at once raising the insurance rates against insurers all round. The companies work together in these matters, and if they are taxed in the manner indicated they will promptly proceed by common consent to recoup themselves out of the policy-holders. Whether the insured will welcome this further tax or not is another question.

As to the efficiency of the measures taken for protection from fire, it is generally conceded that we have a capable and up-to-date fire brigade service. But it is also well understood that if a great fire broke out in the heart of the city, with a strong wind, all the fire brigades on earth with the most efficient equipment would be powerless to prevent a sweeping conflagration. The simple reason is that the fire-fighters could not get at it, while the inner buildings would burn like matchwood. Then from another point of view it is not at all certain that our precautions are the most effective possible. Superintendent Webb's report to the City Council points out the need for fire-escape accommodation in hotels, boarding-houses, and the like premises. He recommends that inside and outside staircases should be provided to the satisfaction of the building surveyor. Experience in the past has shown us the necessity for other precautions, and the subject is far too important to be trifled with. Precisely the same prudential considerations which lead the average property-owner to insure against fire risk should lead the authorities to take these safeguarding measures before and not after the peril arises. This is an ordinary counsel of prudence. There is nothing alarmist about it, and it was the duty of those responsible to raise the question as they have done. A large and thorny subject was handled lightly by Mr. Hogue when he referred to his little bill for centralising fire-fighting all over the State in the Sydney board. That is another matter, and Mr. Hogue would be well advised to let it alone.

## THE COAL LUMPERS' STRIKE.

The action taken yesterday by the Industrial Union of Employers representing the Steam Collier Owners and Coal Stevedores' Association was the logical outcome of the strike of coal lumpers and the abolition of preference to unionists by the Arbitration Court. That abolition was brought about by the action of the Wharf Labourers' Union in excluding applicants for membership. The arbitrary exercise of the claim of working men to the right to refuse their fellow-workers leave to toil brought about its own defeat, as in all equity and justice it should if improperly used. This was certainly not one of the original objects of industrial association. The instinct of self-protection may go a long way, but the line has to be drawn when workers begin to shut out other workers from the right to earn a fair wage on just competitive terms. But the Coal Lumpers' Union has chosen to stand out obstinately for that privilege, and the result has become a sort of triangular battle between the union, the free labourers, and the persons who have to employ that kind of labour. We have seen the mischief that has been caused during the past week or so by this dispute. Even vessels carrying his Majesty's mails may be restricted from proceeding on their voyage unless, as in the Oroya's case, the crews do their own coaling. This is not a desirable condition of things in a port like that of Sydney. It scares ships away, and already we are told of steamers that prefer to seek their coal in security elsewhere. We really cannot expect owners to run such a risk as the strike has menaced them with if they can possibly avoid it.

The position now is that while members of the Coal Lumpers' Union claim that they cannot be forced individually to accept work under the conditions to which they object, the employers' union holds that in future all employees must sign an individual contract based on the terms of the Arbitration Court's award, binding them to work when and as required. The nature of the work calls for this. It is intolerable that a vessel may be held up at any moment by the action of the labourers who put coal on board, and if there was not so much topsy-turveydom in industrial matters the claim would never have been heard of. It is too preposterous in itself. If there were anything in it the whole business would quickly settle itself in an open field, and without preference by competition between free and union labour. That is the point to which the decision of the Arbitration Court has brought us, and in claiming preference the unionists admit that they are afraid of this open competition. If that is so they are ill advised in courting a fight on these lines. By the strike they drive ships away, cease earning wages, and deplete their accumulated funds, which might be used to far better purpose. They also drive men out of the union ranks into those of free labourers so as to secure work. It is altogether ill advised and mischievous. The employers have little doubt of their ability to engage, through the bureau which is to be opened on Friday, as much assistance as they may require, and on terms which will protect them from being held up again.

## TEACHERS' PAY.

We are informed by this morning's cables that the Senate of the New York Legislature has passed a bill fixing the minimum salary of female teachers in Public schools at £144, which is the same as the minimum fixed for male teachers. It is believed that the Lower House of the Legislature will approve of this proposal, and we are told that the aggregate increase will cost the State of New York £1,000,000. To appreciate the full meaning of this announcement one has to remember that the teaching profession in the United States, so far at least as the Public schools are concerned, has been practically monopolised by women. Men who are qualified to teach find themselves equipped for more remunerative fields. It is not unnatural, therefore, that the work of educating the rising generation is being more and more entrusted to the woman teachers. In American fiction, presumably a fair representation of American fact, we find slim girls teaching mixed classes of all ages and sizes. It might almost be concluded from such representations of life that the work of education has been practically handed over to women. Naturally, in such circumstances, the class which has the command of affairs demands higher wages. The demand has been granted in the State of New York, so far as the Senate is concerned, and, if present conditions prevail, it will before long be granted right through the States.

To begin with, a capable and qualified woman teacher shines especially in the teaching of little children, and she admirably trains them for the higher education. Further, in such cases as that presented by the condition of affairs in the United States, the woman is the only qualified person who applies for appointment. We do not know that the hesitation of qualified men to apply for educational appointments is more general in New York than in other States of the Union, and indeed the probability is that in the Western States men who undertake teaching the young are a small minority. We may take it, however, for granted that qualified young men in the United States find other callings more attractive, because more lucrative, than that of teaching. Is there not more than a chance of a similar condition of affairs being established in our own State and in Australia generally? At the present moment the Public Service Board here is inviting applications for the position of teachers, male and female, for the smallest country schools. The applicants must be over 18 and under 35 years of age—in the flower of their life, that is to say—and they must sit for examination. When they have satisfied all such tests as are proposed, the successful aspirants will be appointed to the charge of one of the "smallest Public schools," and be paid a salary of £72 a year. That is for the first year, and the amount may be increased afterwards. This £72 a year is, curiously enough, exactly half what is paid to teachers of Public schools in New York. But, independently of any comparison, it is a ridiculous sum to pay to any qualified teacher. If he is not worth more than this, he is worth nothing. There is attributed, and rightly attributed, great importance to the teaching of the young, because we all recognise, or we all have told each other hundreds of times, that the future belongs to the rising generation. How are we carrying this noble principle into practice, when we pay teachers a sum which would be indignantly scorned by mechanics?

Telegraphs and Telephones.—The Postmaster-General states that he is securing a very comprehensive report in regard to the telegraph line extensions required in different parts of the Commonwealth, and wherever it is reported that lines are urgently needed he proposes to go on with the work, even if the necessary provision has not been made on the Estimates to meet the expense. "We will call for tenders," Mr. Chapman said, "and get ready, in anticipation of the vote. The same thing is being done in regard to telephones. The rush of business has created the necessity for more junction lines, especially here, between branch exchanges, and between the central and the different branch exchanges." There is a brisk demand in some of the country districts for increased telephonic facilities, and the department is doing its best to meet the requirements of different towns.

Australia's Fisheries.—The steps towards building a fisheries investigation vessel for the Federal Government have so far advanced that the matter has been handed over to the Department of Home Affairs, and tenders will shortly be invited for the construction of the trawler. Mr. Dannevig (New South Wales Fisheries Expert) and Colonel Owen (Commonwealth Inspector of Works), who have been dealing with the specifications, returned to Sydney yesterday from a visit to Melbourne, and though there is a good deal to be done yet, Mr. Austin Chapman, Acting Minister for Trade and Customs, intends to see that no unnecessary delay occurs in inviting tenders. Mr. Chapman says the New South Wales Government has treated the Federal Government in a commendable spirit in respect of placing Mr. Dannevig's services at the disposal of the department. The matter is one that can only be carried through successfully with the co-operation of the States, because the fisheries within territorial limits are under State control. In the circumstances, Mr. Chapman is pleased to find everything running so smoothly, and he says that all steps in the fisheries development scheme will be taken in unison with the wishes of the States.

Savings Bank Acknowledgment Form.—On and after May 1 next the acknowledgment of deposits made with the Government Savings Bank of New South Wales, and hitherto issued from the head office, will be discontinued. The entry made in the depositor's pass book, attested by the officer receiving the deposit, together with the dated stamp of the receiving office, will be accepted as conclusive evidence of the depositor's claim to repayment of the amount with interest.

Shortage of Rain on the Catchment Area.—The President of the Water and Sewerage Board stated yesterday that the drought on the catchment area still continued. For the past six years the rainfall at Cordeaux station was 74.3in below the average, and during the past three months there had been a loss on the average rainfall of 10.03in, the total loss being therefore 84.33in. We were therefore not yet "out of the wood" as regarded the water supply. Yesterday there were 9,670,000 gallons flowing into the Prospect reservoir, which now stood at 7.12ft below overflow level. The Nepean was running at the rate of 18 millions of gallons per day at the Pheasant's Nest, and the Cataract, below the dam, at 233,000 gallons. The water in Cataract dam now stood at 88.35ft above the river bed, being a rise of 2.71ft since the 15th instant. This was equal to an additional 260 millions of gallons, and made the total impoundage in the reservoir 1605 million gallons. In view, however, of the medical officer's report, it was, in his opinion, advisable to hold the water in Cataract reservoir for the present, seeing that the last analysis made by him showed even higher figures in regard to organic matter than previously.

Cataract Dam Water.—The controversy between the Water and Sewerage Board and the Public Works Department regarding the clearing of Cataract Dam basin did not close with the report from the department furnished to Alderman Henley, showing that despite statements made at board meetings it had gone in for systematic clearing. At yesterday's meeting of the board a report by Mr. Hamlet, Government Analyst, on the quality of some samples of Cataract Dam water, as far back as February 25 last, was read. He stated that the water showed a fair amount of aeration, but recommended that some of the samples being insufficient for analysis special tests should be made "on the spot." Mr. Hamlet laid it down that the amount of organic pollution due to vegetable growths would gradually diminish, and almost disappear in course of time. Dr. Ashburton Thompson concurred with this opinion, but held to his report of January 31, that the water as analysed by the board was between drinkable and condemnable—utilisable for domestic purposes, but not for public town supplies. On April 16 the medical officer to the board stated that there was "no indication of improvement in regard to organic matter," and he added, "unless conditions of supply are such that water, irrespective of quality, must be taken into Prospect, Cataract reservoir should not be drawn upon." Commenting on these reports, the President of the board said that the contamination of Prospect water resulted from its passing over an area where thousands of men had been working for years. The water might now be drunk, he said, without danger of disease, but the increased growth of algae and low forms of plant life might add to the cost of screening, and eventually necessitate the heavy burden of filtration.

The Dust Nuisance.—Yesterday an experiment was made with calcium chloride in connection with the laying of the dust nuisance in the city. This is one of the dust-layers that has been prominently brought before the City Council for some time past, and has been used successfully in various cities of the old country. The section selected for the test was Hunter-street, from Phillip-street to the "Herald" office. The first sprinkling was completed under the supervision of Mr. Bertie, of the City Surveyor's Department, and the representative of the company interested. A second sprinkling will be made to-day, and the result will be looked forward to with much interest. Already the calcium chloride system has been tried at the Glebe and Redfern, and the City Council, through the Lord Mayor, with a view of giving a fair trial to all the alleged dust-layers, authorised the present experiment.

Moore Park Land Sale.—The views of the City Council respecting the proposal of the Government to sell as building sites certain blocks of land facing Park and Cook roads, Moore Park, were placed before the Minister for Lands yesterday by a deputation of aldermen, introduced by the Lord Mayor. Alderman Meacle, Mayor of Paddington, was also present. The Lord Mayor pointed out that this land was dedicated in 1868 to the citizens for all time. In 1868 several portions on the opposite side of the road were sold at £20 per foot, one of the inducements held out to purchasers being that the park lands would remain as such for all time. The deputation strongly objected to the land being put to private use, as with no power to impose building conditions it was quite possible that structures of an objectionable character would be erected. Mr. Ashton, in the course of his reply, said the difficulty that he met in the matter was that this land was dealt with by the Premier in conjunction with the Centennial Park lands recently sold, which were vested in the Premier as Chief Minister, under an Act of Parliament. If the matter was in his hands entirely he was not sure that he would not at once agree to the postponement of the sale. The deputation had his sympathy, and he would place the representations made before the Premier without delay.

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.—Professor Anderson Stuart, president of the board of directors of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, made a long speech yesterday in presenting the report of the subscribers at their annual meeting. The two new pavilions are practically ready for occupation, and the burden of most of the address was the cost of putting the finishing touches on these buildings and furnishing and equipping them. A novelty in Australian hospitals, at any rate, is the medical gymnastic system which is installed there, and the value of massage as a curative agent is so well appraised that the hospital has a staff of honorary masseurs and masseuses, as well as honorary surgeons. The hospital has also its own refrigerating plant, so that it can buy beef and mutton by the carcase instead of in daily dribs and drabs; it can purchase poultry and butter in wholesale instead of retail quantities, and in various ways can show economy in management. There is now a medical staff of 29 and nearly 100 nurses, so that the magnitude of the hospital's operations can be understood. The laundry of the institution has just been doubled in size and equipped with modern appliances at a cost of £1700. Had it not been for the expense of all these improvements the income of the hospital would have been greater than its outgoings.

The Coast and Royal Prince Alfred Hospitals.—In his speech yesterday to the subscribers of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Professor Anderson Stuart said that negotiations were proceeding with the Government that the hospital should receive the cases of ordinary sickness now sent to the Coast Hospital. First of all, the Coast Hospital was built of corrugated iron during a smallpox scare, and was falling so much out of repair that it had been suggested that it should be rebuilt at a cost of £40,000. Next, the cost per bed per annum was about £65, while the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital was ready to take over those beds at £50 each per year, and to make a small profit on them at that price, thus saving the Government £40,000 in buildings and about £15 per bed per year. He hoped this would be accepted by the Government. At a later stage Mr. Carruthers, the Premier, said he had signed a paper a month ago giving his approval to this, and expressed surprise that the red-tape system had taken so long to get the approval to the persons most concerned. It will therefore happen that when the new arrangement gets into working order the Coast Hospital will be restricted to the reception of cases of infectious diseases.

The English Cricket Eleven.—The New South Wales members of the Board of Control will leave by to-night's express train for the meeting to be held to-morrow in Melbourne. The principal business is the consideration of the request of the Marylebone C.C. for a guarantee against loss in the event of an English team visiting Australia next season. The delegates to the board are:—New South Wales, Messrs. W. P. M'Elhone, F. A. Iredale, and G. P. Barbour; Victoria, Messrs. E. F. Mitchell, E. E. Bean, and H. R. Rush; South Australia, Messrs. H. Blinman, J. Darling, and Creswell; Queensland, Messrs. G. M. Colledge and Allen.

Federal Officers and Income Tax.—The apparently interminable question as to the liability of Federal officers to pay State income tax was mentioned in the High Court yesterday, before the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, Sir Samuel Griffith, Mr. Justice O'Connor, Mr. Justice Isaacs, and Mr. Justice Higgins. Mr. J. A. Ferguson (instructed by Mr. Reginald Sullivan), appeared for the appellant, John Baxter, an officer in the Commonwealth service, who was appealing against the decision of the District Court of Sydney, which declared that he was liable to pay the tax. The appeal was being made direct to the High Court, under section 39 of the Judiciary Act, and in view of the Privy Council decision in the case of the Victorian Commissioner of Taxes v Outtrim, together with the important constitutional questions involved, it was thought advisable to ask that the case should be heard by a full Bench of five Judges. Though the Commissioner of Taxation of New South Wales was not represented, owing to a misunderstanding, the Crown Solicitor had consented to the application being made. Both sides wished the case to be heard at the earliest possible date by a full Bench. After consultation with the other Judges, the Chief Justice announced that, for the present, the case should be set down for hearing on May 7.

The Lands Commission Case.—During the hearing of the conspiracy charge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, his Honor Mr. Justice Simpson, in referring to a statement made by him on the previous day regarding the admission of certain evidence, said that his remarks had not been made quite clear. What he did say was, "If it was wrong to admit the evidence and there should be a conviction, in all probability that conviction would be upset, or, at all events, a new trial ordered." Yesterday's proceedings largely consisted of the examination of official documents dealing with certain leases, and the examination of Thomas W. M. Wilcox, a director of the firm of Edols and Co., Ltd., of Burrawong, who gave evidence as to having paid defendant Willis £6000 for doing certain work, which included, amongst many other matters, attending to applications for five improvement leases. He said that he got Willis to do the work as he wanted a smart man to push the business through the hands of the department, as the lives of thousands of sheep depended on the speedy granting of the leases. He paid Willis with notes, which he got by cashing Dalgety's cheques. He was being re-examined when the Court rose.

The Stranding of the Tsinan.—A Court of Marine Inquiry yesterday investigated the circumstances under which the steamer Tsinan stranded on "D" reef, near Cooktown, on March 25 last, while on a voyage from Hongkong to Melbourne. The Court, after hearing the master's testimony, found that there was no evidence of careless navigation on his part. It appeared that the beacon on "D" reef had been blown away by the cyclone of January last, and this information was not conveyed to Captain Lindbergh on arrival at his vessel at Cooktown; but Judge Backhouse said it must be distinctly understood that the Court did not say that there would be no negligence on the part of the master of a vessel simply because a beacon had been blown away. It would be his duty to verify his course; but in this particular case it was perfectly clear that there was no negligence at all.

Sequel to an Elopement.—A romantic story of intrigue was related at the Quarter Sessions yesterday, when a woman named Eva Hazlett pleaded for mercy on confessing that she had robbed a man who had been in her company. The investigations of the police showed that Hazlett was a married woman, who had eloped with a racing man, leaving her husband and children in Auckland. On arrival at Melbourne she was deserted by the man, and came to Sydney, where she has since lived. During the past few weeks her husband, who had ascertained her whereabouts, had written several letters stating that he would forgive the woman and take her back to his home if she would return. At the time of her arrest, it was found that she had purchased a ticket to Auckland in order to return to her husband, but her repentance appeared to have its limitations, for she had purchased at the same time a ticket for another man. She was given an opportunity to complete her repentance by a sentence of three months' imprisonment.

End of the Rainstorm.—During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the rain was confined to the tributaries of the Upper Barwon to the coastal districts, and to parts of the highlands, but no additional reports were received last evening. According to the weather chart there was an isolated fall of 120 points at Ulladulla, but other measurements along the South Coast were light. The highest amount recorded on the southern tablelands was 60 points at Bombala, while over the Hunter and Manning districts the falls were widely scattered, and generally below a quarter of an inch, although at Port Stephens the quantity registered was 140 points. Over the tributaries of the Upper Barwon, and extending thence to the crest of the Great Dividing Range, the falls were more consistent, but generally below half an inch, 48 points at Uralla being the heaviest.

Keen German Competition.—Shipping firms view with some amount of alarm the rapid inroads into the Australian trade recently made by the Germans. From a statement prepared yesterday it appears that out of 720,000 bales of wool shipped during the present season, no fewer than 255,000, equal to about 35 per cent., were loaded by vessels belonging to the Norddeutscher-Lloyd and the German-Australian S.S. Company. Both of these companies are building new fleets of modern cargo carriers to capture more of the Australian trade, and owing to the substantial subsidies paid by the German Government rates are quoted for freight which would, it is alleged, prove disastrous to British firms. Another powerful German shipping company is shortly to enter into the tr

# PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

His Excellency the Governor-General will leave Sydney on Wednesday on a visit to the South Coast districts. Going first to Wollongong, he will inspect the principal coal-fields and visit the different mines. It is expected that his Excellency will go up the Bulli Pass, and, if possible, go on to the Cataract Dam for the purpose of seeing that work. On May 10 and 11 his Excellency the Governor-General will visit Goulburn and district.

His Excellency the Governor-General, accompanied by Mr. S. Maugher, Federal Minister in attendance, and attended by Mr. H. H. Shave, private secretary, and Captain Stephens, A.D.C., will leave Sydney by the China Navigation Company's steamer Changsha on May 16, on a visit to Port Darwin. His Excellency has already toured Western Australia, South Australia, a good deal of New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland, while Tasmania has been visited twice, and the projected trip is being undertaken in accordance with his Excellency's desire to become personally acquainted with as much as possible of Australia. From Port Darwin a trip will be made to Pine Creek, and probably to the Victoria, Daly, and Alligator rivers, and Melville Island will also be visited. His Excellency will leave Port Darwin on the return voyage on June 19, arriving at Brisbane on June 29, and at Sydney on July 1.

His Excellency the Governor, attended by the private secretary, presided at the annual meeting of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital yesterday afternoon. In the evening his Excellency and Miss Rawson, attended by the members of the staff, were present at the reception given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress to their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Northcote.

Mr. Austin Chapman, Postmaster-General, returned to Sydney from Melbourne yesterday, and left by last night's mail train for Queanbeyan, where he will to-day open the annual show. He expects to be back in Sydney on Monday next.

Mr. Joseph Parker Hindmarsh, Inspector of Coal Mines, has been appointed a member of the board of examiners of enginedrivers under the Mines Inspection Act and the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Act.

Mr. George Brown, J.P., has been appointed coroner at Kurri Kurri and a coroner for the State generally, in place of Mr. A. Pryor, resigned.

Mr. H. Dutton's steam yacht Adele, with the Governor of South Australia on board, arrived at Melbourne yesterday from Adelaide, via Portland. It is probable that the yacht will go to Geelong to-day or to-morrow, thence proceeding to Sydney. After a brief sojourn in Sydney she will sail for Singapore and Japan, touching perhaps at Brisbane en route.

The Rev. W. Halse Rogers, who has been in charge of the North Sydney Methodist Church for several years, and who has lately been transferred to the Wollongong circuit, was on Monday presented with a cheque for a substantial sum by the congregation of the Walker-street and Holtermann-street churches, as a mark of regard and esteem. The presentation was made by Mr. F. Over (senior circuit steward), and eulogistic addresses were delivered by the Revs. N. J. Cocks and J. G. M. Taylor, and Messrs. H. Armstrong, W. Cleland, J. M. Lane, E. M. Fry, and E. Basham. Mr. Leslie Rogers was at the same time presented with an inscribed gold sovereign case by the pupils and others connected with the Sunday-school.

Mr. W. G. Watson, who for several years represented Messrs. W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works Company, Limited, in this city, returned in the Oriona during the week from London, after a tour of over 40,000 miles through Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, Austria, Switzerland, England and Scotland, and South Africa.

The Rev. Robert Kay, of Hurstville (who has accepted a call to Germanton), and Mrs. Kay, were entertained at a farewell social on Tuesday evening by the session and committee of the Hurstville Presbyterian Church. The Rev. R. J. Wallace (Newtown) presided, and there was a large and representative attendance. During the evening Mr. Kay was presented with a travelling case, a travelling rug, and a study chair. Mrs. Kay was presented with a silver tea service.

Mr. C. C. Grassick, B.A., who has been first assistant of the Superior Public School at Rozelle, was presented by the teaching staff with a silver service prior to his removal to take charge of the district school at Bega, Mr. Nelligan (headmaster), Mr. Wallace (late principal), Miss Fitzpatrick (girls' department), Miss M'Murtrie (infants' department), and Mr. H. Parkinson (senior inspector), spoke of Mr. Grassick's ability, and congratulated the Bega district on his appointment. The senior boys of the school also made a presentation.

It is intended, writes a correspondent from London, to present a testimonial to Sir Frederick Young upon his 90th birthday in June next, in recognition of his eminent services to the Royal Colonial Institute, extending over a period of 37 years. A committee, consisting of the Hon. T. A. Brassey, Lieutenant-General Sir Bevan Edwards, and Sir Neville Lubbock, representing the council, and Sir Francis Lovell, Mr. R. D. Douglas M'Lean, and Sir E. Noel Walker, representing the Fellows, with Mr. Algernon E. Aspinall as hon. secretary, has been formed to undertake the necessary arrangements. Sir Frederick Young became a Fellow of the Institute as far back as 1869, a Councillor on June 5, 1871, and he acted as honorary secretary from November 24, 1874, to July 27, 1886, on which date he was elected to the present position of vice-president.

Mr. William Minchall, who passed away on Sunday last in his 78th year, was a resident of Balmain, and a member of the Congregational Church in that suburb for nearly half a century. He was well known for his integrity of character. His remains were laid to rest in Waverley Cemetery on Monday; the Rev. M. L. Johnson, B.A., officiated. At the graveside were gathered a large number of relatives and old residents, among whom were Captain Banks, Messrs. J. Milne, sen., J. Gosling, A. Gow, Telfer, J. Mills, Paddle, Riddle, Lovitt, M'Kenzie (brother-in-law), Pride, and Marriner (sons-in-law). Deceased left a widow, two daughters, and one son.

The Rev. Canon Leigh, of Bungendore, who has relinquished charge of that parish, owing to advancing age, was on Saturday the recipient of a purse containing 150 sovereigns. The presentation was made on behalf of the parishioners by Mr. D. Gordon. Mrs. Leigh was presented with a handsome silver-mounted purse. Canon Leigh began his ministry in England half a century ago, and since then he has been over the whole eastern portion of Australia, from Cape Howe to Cape Capricorn. It is the intention of the Canon and his family to live in Sydney.

Mr. A. A. Bastian, council clerk to the borough of Willoughby, was last night the recipient of a testimonial from the members of the now defunct joint committee of the Northern Suburbs, of which Mr. Bastian was the honorary secretary. There was a good attendance of members at the Willoughby Town Hall to witness the presentation, which was made by Mr. W. Cowan (late chairman), and took the form of a handsome silver tea and coffee service on a silver-mounted oak tray. Mr. Cowan stated that the members of the late committee desired to recognise in a practical manner the valuable voluntary services rendered by Mr. Bastian to the committee during the whole period of its existence, and as a token of esteem and goodwill asked his acceptance of the gift. Messrs. Petrie and Sutton also spoke, and Mr. Bastian made a suitable response.

Mr. J. S. Futter, one of the best-known and esteemed residents of the Murrumburrah district, died on Monday evening at his residence, Beggan Beggan, at the advanced age of 79 years. The deceased gentleman had resided on this estate since 1874. Being a native of the State his many reminiscences of early events of New South Wales were interesting. As early as 1861 he was Crown Lands Commissioner in the north-western territory, including Walgett and Warialda. He was one of the oldest magistrates in the State; and in early life took an active and prominent interest in politics. Besides being an expert amongst all classes of stock, Mr. Futter was also a man of distinguished culture. After receiving a substantial educational foundation at King's School, Parramatta, he entered Oxford University. He became an accomplished classical scholar. Thence he went to Paris, where he perfected himself in the French language. Mr. Futter was married twice, and leaves a widow, four sons, and four daughters. Reginald, the eldest son, is manager of Cunningham Plains; the second son is manager of the Commercial Bank, Rockhampton. Frank and Victor, the two youngest (whose names are so well known as interstate footballers), have only recently left the Sydney University. The daughters are Mrs. Smart, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. D. Macansh, and Miss Futter. The burial took place in the family vault at Beggan Beggan.

A private cable message received yesterday announced the death of Captain Esterbrook, the commander of the steamer Indradeo, while on a voyage from Port Pirie, bound to the United Kingdom, via South Africa. The Indradeo called at Durban on Tuesday, in command of the chief officer. The deceased mariner was well known at the ports of Sydney and Newcastle, and news of his death will be received with great regret in shipping circles.

# THE COMMONWEALTH.

TROPICAL DISEASES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Minister for Home Affairs had a request recently for a contribution by the Federal Government towards a sum of £700 required for the establishment of a tropical diseases observation hospital in Queensland. The deputation which waited on him asked for a grant of £250 per year, and also that the £200 voted annually by Parliament for investigations on the same subject abroad should be diverted. The remainder is to come from the Queensland Government. The matter was discussed in Cabinet yesterday, and it was decided that a sum should be placed on the Estimates. The annual vote of £200 is an arrangement with the Imperial authorities for a term of five years.

MAIL SORTING.

A private deputation from the Letter Sorters' Association waited on the Acting Postmaster-General, Mr. Mauger, to-day, and brought several complaints under his notice. It has been stated that many letters in the Melbourne G.P.O. remain unsorted when the mails are made up for distant places, and also when carriers leave on their rounds. This was discussed, and appears to have received confirmation. Mr. Mauger invited the deputation to forward to him some practical suggestions to relieve the congestion of work.

NORTHERN TERRITORY TOUR.

Mr. Mahon, M.P., has suggested that members of Parliament who intend making the tour of the Northern Territory should be given facilities to continue from Port Darwin to Wyndham, in the north-west of Western Australia, where they could catch Singapore steamers that call at the coast ports on the way to Fremantle. Sir John Forrest is making inquiries from the State authorities as to whether the necessary steamer connections can be secured between Port Darwin and Wyndham.

MIGRATION STATISTICS.

In the monthly bulletin issued by the Federal Statistician, Mr. Knibbs, a return is given of the number of persons arriving in and leaving Australia during the first two months of the year. During the period under review the total number of persons of white nationalities who arrived was 10,229, an increase of 2775 over that for January and February 1906. The departures numbered 8343, an increase of 1762. The arrivals were made up as follows:—British, 9229, increase 2692; Austrians, 134, increase 33; Danes, 25, increase 18; Dutch, 15, increase 3; French, 229, decrease 122; Germans, 143, increase 31; Greeks, 27, decrease 1; Italians, 247, increase 95; Russians, 33, increase 16; Scandinavians, 21, decrease 1; Spaniards, 3, stationary; Swiss, 9, increase 3; Americans, 95, increase 1; other whites, 19, increase 12. The greatest number of departures was to New Zealand, 5689 going thither last January and February, as against 4034 in the same period of 1906.

No fewer than 2589 persons of coloured nationalities or races left the Commonwealth, an increase of 1353 over the total for January and February, 1906. The arrivals numbered 677, an increase of 123 over the total for the corresponding period of last year, which is largely accounted for by the issue of permits to owners of pearling vessels.

## THE MULWALA TRAGEDY.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

PRISONER DETAINED IN CUSTODY.

ALBURY, Wednesday.

At the Criminal Court to-day John Carey was indicted on a charge of having feloniously and maliciously murdered Patrick M'Farlane, at Mulwala, on March 13.

Mr. J. Wilkinson appeared for the defence.

It was stated to the Court that deceased was the cousin of accused, and lived about seven miles from his farm. Accused married Mrs. M'Farlane, a widow with eight children, 16 years ago, and they apparently lived happily together up till the date of the tragedy. Accused had been drinking heavily for many years, and the tragedy occurred just after one of his periodical bouts on March 13. Deceased was leaning against the bathroom door talking to one of his cousins when he was shot dead by accused.

Patrick M'Farlane, jun., deposed that whilst in his bedroom on the morning of March 13 he heard a shot from a pea-rifle, and going into the yard met accused, who had a pea-rifle in his hand. Deceased was lying on the ground, face downward, with blood coming from his mouth and nose. Witness and his mother lifted deceased on to a bed. Witness asked Carey what he did it for, but accused mumbled out some unintelligible reply. Witness took Carey to the police and gave him in charge. Witness did not know that any feeling had existed between Carey and deceased. When witness returned from giving Carey into custody he found deceased was dead.

Margaret M'Farlane deposed that she was talking to deceased on the morning of the 13th, when she heard the report of a pea-rifle. Deceased immediately staggered into the backyard. Witness noticed John Carey with a pea-rifle belonging to deceased in his hand.

Police-sergeant Ray deposed that on the morning of the 13th Patrick M'Farlane, jun., brought John Carey to the police station and said, "Take this man in charge, he has shot a man out there." Witness arrested John Carey and charged him with shooting Patrick M'Farlane with intent to murder him. Carey made no reply to the charge. Witness went to the farm, and on his return charged Carey with the wilful murder of Patrick M'Farlane.

Arthur Denis, qualified medical practitioner, said he performed the post-mortem examination, and was of opinion that the cause of death was shock and hemorrhage. Witness had known accused for 28 years, who suffered from melancholia, which he aggravated by excessive drinking. Witness expressed the opinion that at the time the shot was fired accused was not in a condition of mind to know what was right and what was wrong.

The defence was that the act was committed under an irresistible impulse. Mr. Wilkinson asked the jury to record a verdict of manslaughter.

His Honor in summing-up said there was a difference of opinion in the minds of legal and medical men as to the responsibility of victims of irresistible impulse. British law, however, laid down that such was no defence, more especially in cases like the present, where it was brought about by accused's own voluntary act—excessive indulgence in drink.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, on the ground of insanity.

The Judge ordered that the accused be detained during his Majesty's pleasure.

Maitland and Orange shows are illustrated and described in the current issue of the "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

# BOND OF EMPIRE.

FREEDOM AND JUSTICE.

SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

AN IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

LONDON, April 17.

The Colonial Premiers were entertained at a banquet at the Holborn Restaurant last night by Radicals. All the Premiers and other colonial Ministers now in London were present.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Prime Minister, who presided, declared that it was a slander to assert that the Radicals were Little Englanders, permeated with narrow hostile views to the colonies. All Radicals favoured the maintenance of Empire on the principle of freedom and independence and equal justice, which was the very breath of its being. If it was not continued on these lines a good many of us would wish it not to be continued at all.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman indicated that the first act of the King on his return to England would be to stretch forth to them the right hand of fellowship and express the feeling of affectionate devotion and recognition of their great services which he and his subjects entertained towards them. (Cheers.)

AN ADAPTABLE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. R. B. Haldane, Secretary of State for War, who succeeded the Prime Minister in the chair, when Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was compelled to return to Parliament, proposed the toast of "Our Guests." He commented upon causes and principles which went deeper than party. The Empire was beyond controversy. It possessed an unwritten unrigid Constitution, able to develop and adapt itself to circumstances, a Constitution which had been carried oversea, which had there been refashioned, yet which was still the same, preserving to all the King's subjects conscious enjoyment of the fullest freedom.

The Empire rested not on force, but on common ends and on common purposes. Liberty was the bond holding the Empire together.

Mr. Haldane, adverting to the Transvaal Constitution, welcomed General Botha. He and the General Staff intended to confer with General Botha shortly on the mutual defence of the Empire. Apparently the early conferment of a Constitution on the Transvaal appealed in the very nature of things to those appreciating the self-developing character of the British Constitution, which may give us great things. It may give us an Imperial Council, and possibly great varieties of institution.

A BETTER WORKING POLICY.

Mr. Deakin, who responded, was very warmly greeted. Mr. Haldane, he said, had spoken with professional equally with personal enthusiasm of the Constitution, but after all the only true permanent basis of union lay deeper than the Constitution. It lay in the people and in the character of the people from whom the Constitution sprang. Without the acceptance of the principle of equal freedom even the British Constitution would be in vain.

Mr. Deakin agreed with Mr. Haldane that they must develop and adapt themselves to the necessities of the time. He described the anomalous position of the conference. Its members belonged to a body without status. He hoped that they would be able to take some steps, even if short steps, towards a better working policy.

Australia, Mr. Deakin said, needed population, and he hoped that the conference would devise machinery securing her some British population.

FRIENDSHIP OF THE TRANSVAAL.

General Botha made an Imperial loyal and optimistic speech regarding the prospects of the union of white races in South Africa. He proposed the toast of the Home Government, and in doing so said that the people of the Transvaal grasped the hand of friendship extended to them, and would not let it go again. (Cheers.)

Mr. Winston Churchill, in responding, said that he hoped that his friends in the Conference would return convinced that there was no anti-colonial party in Great Britain.

Lord Beauchamp, in proposing the toast of the Chairman, said: "We in England want some of the social reforms already instituted in various parts of the Empire."

A WORKING EXPEDIENT.

The "Daily Chronicle" states that the working expedient for which Mr. Deakin asks is to be found by giving an element of continuity to the Conference.

# COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

THE POSITION OF MINISTERS.

LONDON, April 16.

Sir William Lyne's stiff attitude at the Colonial Conference forced the reversal of the decision to limit the attendance of Ministers during the discussion of subjects affecting their particular departments. Lord Elgin resisted until he recognised the insistence of the Premiers.

Lord Elgin adopted a similar attitude with respect to giving publicity to the proceedings of the conference. The Colonial Office wishes to limit the daily precis to a few words, but the Premiers insist upon more publicity.

Mr. Deakin has cabled that he read Sir John Forrest's message to the Conference, and that it was highly appreciated.

## EXPORT OF APPLES.

LONDON, April 17.

The Tasmanian apples shipped by the R.M.S. Marmora arrived in good condition. Prices generally were unchanged. A few Coxs brought 16s. Victorian and South Australian apples brought from 8s 6d to 15s 6d. The quality was hardly equal to that of the Orontes shipment. Some were spotted. The market was firm and the demand was excellent.

The shipment of pears arrived in a worthless condition. A few Vicars realised 5s 6d per case.

## AUSTRALASIAN TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, April 17.

At the sales of Australian and New Zealand tallow to-day 1268 casks were offered, and 226 sold. Prices were:—Mutton, fine 37s 3d, medium 35s 6d; beef, fine 36s, medium 34s per cwt.

# FREEDOM OF LONDON.

CONFERRED ON THE PREMIERS.

A PICTURESQUE FUNCTION.

LONDON, April 16.

The Colonial Premiers were to-day presented with the freedom of the City of London.

The Premiers and their suites drove in a procession, consisting of five carriages, from the Hotel Cecil to the Guildhall. The streets along the route were crowded and gaily decorated with flags. The Premiers were greeted with enthusiastic cheering, especially General Botha. Sir Joseph Ward was greeted in the streets with shouts of Kia-ora (good luck).

The Lord Mayor (Sir William Treloar) held a reception in the library at the Guildhall. There was a picturesque and crowded assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, in which General Botha was treated as the hero. Mr. Deakin, Sir Joseph Ward, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, Lord Roberts, and Field-Marshal Sir George White were greatly applauded.

After swearing loyalty to the King, and like good citizens to "Pay their scot and take their lot," the Freedom of the City of London was conferred upon them by Sir Joseph Dimsdale, the City Chamberlain, who, in an eloquent speech, said there was no parallel in the annals of the city to the present occasion. They were delighted to honour Britons who had sacrificed their lives to develop and consolidate the oversea dominions.

Mr. Deakin, in reply, said they all deeply prized this magnificent token of regard. No welcome was more acceptable or appropriate.

There was no loyalty like the loyalty of freemen, no bond like the bond of freedom. Upon this depended the greatness of the Empire. The gold caskets containing the grant of freedom would be cherished because they bear the imprint of the motherland. The Premiers were grateful for reaffirmation of the ties of blood.

Presiding at the Mayoral luncheon, where General Botha sat next to Lord Roberts, Sir William Treloar said there was no greater honour in their gift than the freedom of the City.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier described previous conferences as spasmodic, and disjointed, and appended to ceremonial events. The present gathering was unique, and marked a new departure. It demonstrated to the world that the Empire was a living entity, and he paid an eloquent tribute to Mr. Seddon.

Though the hopes of ardent enthusiasts who wished to bind the future by putting upon the present intolerable conditions were perhaps unrealisable, yet there would be no failure connected with the conference, which would show what was possible, what was impossible, and what ought to be avoided. He declared that only Great Britain would have thought of conferring full citizenship on the Transvaal within five years of the war. The conference was delighted to receive the assurance of Dr. Jameson that South Africa would be federated before the next conference.

Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, in proposing the toast of the Lord Mayor, said he considered the bestowal of the freedom of the city upon the Premiers a seasonable and reasonable attention.

## MODERATES IN THE DUMA.

A COALITION.

LONDON, April 17.

A new group in the Duma, composed of moderate parties and of the Right, has been formed. The chief aim is to increase the fruitfulness of the Duma's labours, and to oppose the revolutionary section in the event of dissolution.

M. DE MARTEN'S VIEWS.

PRIVATE, NOT OFFICIAL.

It is semi-officially stated at St. Petersburg that M. de Martens in his letter to the "Times," predicting an early dissolution of the Duma, was merely expressing his own views.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Times" states that M. de Marten's letter has caused the utmost astonishment and displeasure in Government circles, where it is stated emphatically that the Government desires to co-operate with the Duma.

M. de Martens, who is arranging on behalf of the Czar the programme of the Hague Peace Conference, wrote to the "Times" stating that he considered the second Duma to be a failure, and that its dissolution was a question of days and weeks. He thought that the only remedy would be a revocation of Article 87 of the Fundamental Laws, concerning the franchise.

## IMPERIAL POSTAL ORDER SCHEME.

LONDON, April 17.

Mr. S. C. Buxton, Postmaster-General, is in communication with Australia and Canada, with a view of inducing them to accept the Imperial Postal Order scheme.

Postal orders are issued at all money order offices in Great Britain, for any sum from 6d to 19s 6d, increasing by 6d, and also for 20s and 21s. The commission chargeable is: For orders up to 2s 6d, inclusive, 1d; from 2s 6d to 15s, inclusive, 1½d; from 15s 6d to 21s, inclusive, 1½d. In October last a London "Gazette" notice was issued notifying the places to which these orders could be sent. Australia and Canada are not included, though New Zealand, Newfoundland, Cape Colony, and the Transvaal are, and even Thibet, where there are Indian post-offices.

## ANGLO-CANADIAN NEWSPAPER POST.

THE PRESS EULOGISTIC.

LONDON, April 16.

The newspapers eulogise the Anglo-Canadian newspaper post as an excellent illustration of preference.

The Postmaster-General, Mr. S. C. Buxton, however, emphasised the geographical position of Canada, and considered the arrangement was no precedent for an agreement in other directions.

## SALARIES OF WOMEN TEACHERS.

A NEW YORK REFORM.

LONDON, April 17.

The Senate of New York State has passed a bill fixing the minimum salaries of female teachers in Public schools at £144 per annum, making them on an equality with the salaries of male teachers. The approval of the Legislative Assembly of the State to the bill is assured. The increase in salaries will mean an aggregate increase of £1,000,000.

# FLOUTING THE POWERS,

MOROCCO LEANS TO GERMANY.

LONDON, April 17.

The Tangier correspondent of the "Times" telegraphs that indignation and astonishment are expressed in diplomatic circles at the defiance of the Algeciras treaty by Hadj Mahomed el Torres, representative of the Sultan for Foreign Affairs at Tangier, by his signing a contract with a German firm for the construction of a boulevard on the sea-front of Tangier and for constructing a new system of drainage.

## GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

SALE OF JEWELS.

LONDON, April 16.

Mrs. Samuel Lewis Hill's jewels, which were sold by auction, realised £94,000. One rope of pearls brought £16,700.

[Mrs. Lewis Hill was widow of Mr. Sam. Lewis, a well-known money-lender. In 1904 she married Captain Hill.]

ITALIAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The Italian Embassy in London has asked Mr. Deakin to support King Victor Emmanuel's International Agricultural College scheme.

AN AUSTRALIAN'S ESTATE.

The estate in the United Kingdom of Mr. Alfred Henry Brown, of Tunbridge Wells, formerly of Australia, has been sworn at £20,000.

DEATH OF BISHOP BROMBY.

The death is announced of the Right Rev. Charles Henry Bromby, late Assistant Bishop in the diocese of Bath and Wells, and Bishop of Tasmania, 1864-82, aged 93 years.

Bishop Bromly was Bishop of Tasmania from 1864 to 1882, and was the last nominee of the Crown to a colonial diocese.

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

DRASTIC FRUIT INSPECTION.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Executive Council to-day decided to issue a proclamation prohibiting the introduction of any fruit into this State, except by sea, to be landed at Port Adelaide, where inspectors will subject it to careful examination. Should any fruit be found to be infected, it will be immediately destroyed. It is expected in this way that fly will be kept out.

PROTECTING HEALTHY STOCK.

THE GOVERNMENT ACTIVE.

A deputation representing the Pastoralists' Association waited on the Minister for Agriculture this afternoon, to urge the necessity for the Government not only to adhere strictly to the regulations under the Stock Diseases Act, but to impress on the Western Australian authorities the advisableness of adopting a similar policy. The deputation pointed out important instances of laxity of administration in Western Australia, and emphasised the seriousness of the risk of introducing cattle from disease-infected countries.

The Minister, in reply, said that the Government was in entire sympathy with the deputation. It had previously protested against certain importations by Western Australia from countries where epidemics prevailed, and the Premier would bring the whole matter before the Premiers' Conference in Queensland, in the hope that Western Australia would fall into line with other States whose policy was in accord with that of South Australia.

THE STATE BANK.

BIG ADVANCES, SMALL LOSSES.

The annual report of the State Bank for the year ended March 31 shows that the operations yielded a net profit of £3598; and that the accumulated surplus amounts to £25,583. Since the bank was established in 1906 the advances made total £1,109,362, to 4714 people. The interest which accrued amounted to £221,785. The arrears total £998, most of it owing to the last bad seasons in outside farming districts. Since the bank began operations the actual losses owing to default in payments have amounted to only £586.

## RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS' TOUR.

CONDOBOLIN, Wednesday.

Mr. Johnson, Chief Railway Commissioner, his two colleagues, and a number of departmental officers, visited Condobolin yesterday. A deputation of representatives from municipal and shire councils waited on the Commissioners, and among other things asked for a daily train, in view of the growth of the district. Failing that, they asked for an improved service, particularly in regard to the present delay in detraining at Parkes. The Commissioners promised to give the matter full consideration.

COONAMBLE, Wednesday.

The Railway Commissioners and staff visited Coonamble this morning. They were waited upon by a deputation, which requested a daily train and better sanitary conveniences. They also asked for excursion trains. The Chief Commissioner promised to consider the matters.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

The Railway Commissioners, in the course of their tour, visited Dubbo to-day, and received a deputation, consisting of the Mayor and Alderman Ryan, representing the council, Mr. G. H. Taylor, the Rev. E. H. Lea, and Mr. E. H. Utley, of the Progress Association. Various matters were brought before the Commissioners, the principal being a daily mail, and increased passenger facilities between Dubbo and Coonamble, the enlargement of Dubbo railway station, the establishment of a refreshment room at Dubbo, increased communication with Sydney by means of an extension of a daily train now running from Sydney to Orange to Dubbo, improved access to the railway station, and a truck weighbridge at Dubbo. The protest against the lease of land on the railway reserve was reiterated.

In replying to the deputation, Mr. Johnson promised consideration of all the subjects. He hinted it might be found necessary to effect considerable improvement in the station, and if passenger business on the lines warranted it the Commissioners would do all they could to give increased facilities. As regards the lease, he said, through a fault of the Treasury Department the lease had been inadvertently granted. There was no desire on the Commissioners' part to ignore Dubbo in the matter, but they must keep faith with the Commissioners' tenants. Had the Commissioners known at first what they knew now the lease would not have been granted. Before any renewal the council and the association would be communicated with.

The Commissioners inspected the ground question. They declined to consider Alderman Ryan's suggestion, that the Commissioners resume the land and grant compensation to Prescott. Alderman Ryan said the matter would be brought before the House. The Mayor concluded by welcoming Mr. Johnson to this part of the State.

FORBES, Wednesday.

The new Commissioner, accompanied by officials and Mr. Eden George, M.L.A., arrived yesterday. They were met by the Mayor and aldermen, delegates from the Storekeepers' Association, and others. A large number of matters were brought under notice, particularly that of the narrow margin between the arrival and departure of the mail train. Consideration was promised for all the matters mentioned.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

The Railway Commissioners visited Molong on Tuesday, and were interviewed by Messrs. J. Black and T. J. Coy. The Chief Commissioner stated that the matter of enlarging the refreshment-room would be dealt with at once.

ORANGE, Wednesday.

The Chief Commissioner, Mr. Johnson, accompanied by Messrs. Kirkcaldie and Richardson, and others of the railway staff, arrived here yesterday afternoon, on the way back from Condobolin to the Western line. They were received by a deputation, representing both councils, who laid several matters before them for consideration, the principal of which was the extension of the station yard to relieve the congestion of traffic. It was pointed out in support of the request that Orange was fourth on the list of revenue-producing stations, being exceeded by only Newcastle, Cobar, and Goulburn. The Commissioners promised prompt consideration of the request.

# A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

BOATING PARTY DROWNED.

TRAGIC STORY BY A SOLE SURVIVOR.

WELLINGTON, April 13.

The dawn was just coming when the crew of the little scow Era, timber-laden, from Tairua to Auckland, heard an appeal for help, and when they gazed in the direction whence it came they saw a submerged patiki, or pleasure boat, a tattered shirt waving as a sign of distress. The boat had a solitary occupant—a man in ragged trousers and coat, feebly clinging to the combings, and leaning in an exhausted condition on the centre-board case. The man was J. Pilkington, of Auckland. He had been 42 hours in the boat, and during those terrible hours he had gone through an experience which no words can describe. He had seen his two sons drowned or eaten by sharks, and his two other companions meet a similar fate. All that time he had been without food or water. Yielding to an irresistible impulse, he had rinsed out his mouth with sea water, with the result that when rescued by the crew of the Era he could scarcely speak, because his mouth was raw and blistered. Later, Mr. Pilkington recovered sufficiently to tell an interviewer of his tragic experiences. He said the occupants of the patiki comprised himself (43 years of age), Frederick Pilkington (17), Harry Pilkington (15), Lionel Skinner (19), and W. McAneny (18). They left Auckland at 10.30 on Monday morning for a short cruise. Pilkington, senior, was at the tiller, till the boat had passed Motutapu. Between that island and Kakino, being tired, he gave the tiller to Lionel Skinner. At about noon he himself proceeded to get lunch ready. Five minutes later a puff of wind struck the little craft. Pilkington, senior, let the sheet go. The boat rocked a few times, and then went gunwale under. McAneny, who was a good swimmer, struck out for the shore, 250 yards away. Pilkington, senior, heard his shout, but saw nothing more of him. The water in that locality was infested with sharks. The four remaining occupants stuck to the boat, which was full of water. Harry Pilkington being a weak lad, his father had to assist him to retain his hold of the gunwale. Now and again the boat would turn right over, and the unfortunate four had to get a fresh hold. She was full of water, the gunwale being about 6in only above the surface.

Mr. Pilkington continued: "About a couple of hours after the accident I heard Lionel Skinner say, 'It's no use hanging on here,' and next time she turned over he disappeared, and was seen no more. Fred disappeared soon after, and I found his body next morning under the deck of the boat. She had evidently turned over on top of him, and thus he was drowned. My son, Harry, the youngest of the party, was not very strong, and I did everything I could to keep him hanging on to the boat. There was not much sea on, but the buffeting about he got when the boat turned over and while hanging on was too much for him, and after a while he lost consciousness. I hung to him, but he gradually ceased breathing, and at about 5 o'clock the same evening he died, and I alone was left alive. I kept him in the boat until the following night, when I was obliged to cast his body adrift. After Harry's death I set about trying to right the boat. While I was thus engaged a motor launch passed me, just about dusk. I did not see her until she was just passing me. I then shouted to her crew, but they did not hear me, nor did they see me, for there was practically only my head and 6in of the boat out of the water, and that hope of safety passed. With great difficulty I managed to get the mast unshipped, although I could not free it from the rigging. I cut the sails adrift, and threw out everything I could get hold of in order to lighten the boat. She then floated somewhat evenly, one side being about 15in out of water, and the other just awash. There was an iron rudder, weighing 20lb or 30lb. This made it difficult for me to keep on, for first one end and then the other went up and down, so that I had to change my position to keep afloat. I managed to get the rudder adrift, and then she floated more easily, and I was able to keep in the one position on the deck, about up to my waist in water. I was unable, with unaided hands, to get the centreboard adrift. She would have floated much better had I been able to do so.

"I drifted out toward the open sea from the time of the accident. I passed close to the end of the Motuihi Island, but could not risk an attempt to swim ashore, not being a good swimmer. Then I drifted out through the Noises, into the gulf past Tiri Tiri. Another vessel passed within five or six miles of me, and they were unable to see me, as I offered a very small mark, being nearly level with the surface of the water. At daybreak next morning I sighted the scow Era, and shouted out to her. She was lying near me almost becalmed. The crew heard my cries and shouted back in response. They could hear what I said, but I could not hear them, because my voice was going with the wind, while theirs was against it. The scow put about, lowered a boat, and picked me up. I had then been 42 hours in the water, and was pretty well exhausted. There were four sharks constantly round the boat after Lionel Skinner's body was gone. They seemed to know that I was hanging on for life. I don't know whether they were attracted by the dead bodies in the boat or not. A small one came quite close up to the boat, but three very large ones kept about 20ft away. I could see them quite plainly, swimming around the boat. Sometimes their big black fins would be showing."

# TASMANIA.

ANGLICAN SYNOD.

JOINING VICTORIA.

HOBART, Wednesday.

At the Anglican Synod here, the question of Tasmania joining the Victorian province was debated. At Tuesday's sitting Archdeacon Hindley, of Melbourne, fully explained the points and bearings of the subject. The proposal was closely debated, the Archbishop of Melbourne being thanked for his statesmanlike, brotherly, and most helpful speech. On the resumption of the debate this afternoon the question of amalgamating was referred to the rural decanal conferences in Tasmania to obtain the views of the clergy and laity. As a whole, on the general proposal, opinions are favourable, but the tone of the debate throughout supported circumspect action and careful consideration.

Archdeacon Hindley explained that Adelaide had not yet been approached, and that Western Australia was not yet a province, and might not become one; but they were contemplating it.

## PRIVATE DETECTIVE WORK.

CLAIM ON ACCOUNT OF A DIVORCE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Some further remarkable evidence was given to-day at the hearing of the case in which James Faussett is suing Mrs. Grist for £256, money alleged to have been expended and labour done in connection with the divorce case against her husband. Mr. Purves, for the defence, continued his cross-examination of plaintiff regarding the number of entries in his diary. He said he was not employed in any way to affect the course of justice.

In answer to further questions, witness said he instructed a solicitor's clerk to serve the writ in the present case on Mrs. Grist the day before her marriage, as he thought she was going away on her honeymoon for some months. Mr. Shepherd, his solicitor, threw up the case for reasons best known to himself.

Mr. Justice Hood warned witness that he was going to ask certain questions, which he could refuse to answer, because they might incriminate him. In reply to his Honor, Faussett said he went to a certain house with Grist at 11.30 p.m., and left at 8 a.m. next day. About four hours later he informed Fay that Grist had misconducted himself. Witness did not claim £250 until the decree had been granted. Mr. Doria, a solicitor, advised Grist to go on with the case. He did not know why Grist did not defend the suit. Mr. Doria asked for £25 because he would have to retain Mr. Purves. Witness informed Mr. Fay, solicitor for Mrs. Grist, of that fact, but the latter said he would pay £8 for expenses. Mr. Doria was put to provided Grist admitted the allegations and did not defend. Faussett paid Mr. Doria £8. Other people, but not witness, wanted Grist to go to Queensland, to be out of the way of Mrs. Grist, and not to be seen walking about.

His Honor: Did you ever find out why you were not called as a witness to prove the misconduct you say you established?"—No.

His Honor: Well, I must report this to the Attorney-General, whatever the result of the case may be.

Mr. Bryant, counsel for plaintiff, said that would prejudice the jury, but his Honor replied, "not a bit of it." Before the Court rose Mr. Justice Hood said the questions he had asked the plaintiff were not to test his veracity in the slightest degree; they were based on the assumption that he was telling the truth. The case stands part heard.

# SHIP IN DISTRESS.

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

THE PRINCE GEORGE TOWED INTO PORT.

IN A CRIPPLED CONDITION.

THE SECOND OFFICER CRUSHED AND LOST OVERBOARD.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE VESSEL.

Quite a commotion was caused in shipping circles last night when it was reported by the signal authorities at South Head that a sailing ship, unexpected at this port, was making for Sydney in a crippled condition in tow of the steam tug Hero. The Captain Cook proceeded outside, and having placed Pilot Anderson on board, returned to her anchorage with the report that the distressed vessel was the Norwegian barque Prince George, wheat laden, from Port Pirie, bound to the English Channel for orders.

The vessel was taken by Pilot Anderson to an anchorage at the back of Garden Island where the anchor was dropped shortly after 10 p.m. A casual glance at the vessel showed that she had received a severe buffeting, for her bulwarks and bridge were missing, as were also her lifeboats and much of her gear. The spars and yards, however, remained intact, and fortunately her cargo did not shift.

THE CAPTAIN'S STATEMENT.

Captain Hansen, the master of the Prince George, upon being seen by a representative of this journal on board his vessel, had a sensational tale to unfold. The ship, he said, sailed from Port Pirie on the 1st inst, bound for the United Kingdom, and sign

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

## OUR STATE SYSTEM.

### MUNICIPALISM AT WORK.

We look to our politicians for light and leading, as it is assumed that they have an assured leisure, a fine library of authorities for reference, and the public keep them informed on current questions by means of letters, to which they may return franked replies. It was impossible that the members of Parliament for the North Sydney shore could long have failed to stumble upon the question of the North Shore bridge. When an election is looming in the near future such questions are bound to come prominently before the electorates. The North Shore bridge question, like the question of local government, was on a great many political programmes for a great many years. Sir Henry Parkes was once returned triumphantly upon his advocacy of an almost immediate construction of the bridge.

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Since Sir Henry made the building of the bridge a battle cry in St. Leonards the population of Sydney has doubled. The great centres which have sprung up on the north side have grown to amazing proportions. The trend of population is in that direction. Land values have gone up; the once primeval forest has disappeared before the builders' axe; tram and trains carry fresh thousands annually to the new townships. And still the bridge remains unbuilt. Local government has been passed into law. The second of the perennial political questions remains, and presses more and more insistently for settlement. The concentration of the huge populations into one narrow crossing, while the means of conveyance in no way expands in the same ratio as the increase of the passenger traffic, creates a great public danger.

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The crowding of the wharfs and ferry boats at Circular Quay at the busy hours deserves to be studied. No impartial person can doubt the danger. The inconvenience is obvious, as it has to be endured. The moment the Milson's Point boat reaches the punt wharf masses of travellers precipitate themselves into the passage ways of the incoming boats. There is no division of embarking and disembarking passengers, no separation of the streams of traffic. Each is for himself, and the result is a scramble. It would appear to a stranger, accustomed to the manner in which British and Continental crowds manage themselves, as if the Australian had not yet learned the art of moving in crowds along the curve of least resistance.

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This chaotic scramble of the on-going and off-coming ferry passengers increases in intensity from 5 in the afternoon to after 6 p.m. There is no opportunity for the attendants to throw on the strangely primitive planks upon which the passengers are supposed to embark and disembark, and consequently there is always the danger of falls overboard. Weak and timid women and children are at a great disadvantage; and politeness disappears before the incessant cry of "Hurry on, please!" and the danger of the bars being shut upon the laggard and those who are forced into the ranks of the "hindmost" in the crush.

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This want of system is to be deplored. Some person in the Harbour Office should certainly confer with the ferries companies to devise an improvement of methods which would minimise the danger and increase the comfort of the travellers. Even in China we may find an example of organisation and devices for public convenience. The Kowloon Ferry at Hongkong has a patent gangway on all the boats, which may be lowered immediately the boat reaches dock. There is a division of the traffic; the bulwark openings are comparatively larger than on the Sydney ferry boats. The whole matter requires regulation, and the people, for whose convenience and safety the regulation of embarking and disembarking traffic will be provided, will soon fall into the new ways of organisation and orderly arrangement, and will stop the crowding and crushing, the pushing and hustling, which make it so difficult for ladies and children to get off the wharfs of the Milson's Point ferry during the crowded hours of the day.

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These considerations make it imperative that the bridge proposal shall once more be brought up for discussion, together with its alternative, the sub-harbour tube. Mr. David Fell, M.L.A., raised the question a few days ago, and he laid down views upon the method of providing the means for the construction of the bridge, which, it is to be feared, would cause its postponement to an indefinite period. Mr. Fell appears to think that it is a work of purely local significance, and that the burden should be locally borne. Few will accept this as satisfactory. The bridge will, without doubt, carry a railway, which will convert the two great State systems of the Western and Northern railway. Its effect upon passenger and vehicular traffic will be marked and valuable. It will relieve the congestion of the Circular Quay, which grows day by day more dangerous. On the other hand, a "tube," like the Blackwall Tunnel under the river Thames, would carry its line of passenger cars or 'buses, or foot passengers, who may not care to brave the perils and inconveniences of the harbour crossing by ferry boat.

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The difficulty created in Newcastle City Council over its proposed loan was caused by the coming into force of the Local Government Act of 1906 on January 1, 1907. Under the authority of the old Municipalities Act of 1897, a warrant was issued to the Newcastle City Council authorising it to borrow £10,000. Several other councils had also obtained warrants to borrow; but, like Newcastle, had not put the warrants into execution. Legally, they had taken no such step to "acquire rights or incur liabilities," as would have brought them within the protection of the saving clauses of the new Act. Had they entered into contracts with investors, then section 4, subsection 5 (e), would have enabled them to continue the raising of the £10,000.

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Under the new Act, a different scheme for loans was introduced; and a deadlock in the Newcastle and other loans authorised by warrant of the Governor under section 158 of the old Act has resulted. Section 170 provides the new mode of borrowing (except for repayments). First the amount of the proposed loan, and the details of the proposed expenditure must have been notified, and a report must be made by an officer of the Government, and the approval of the Governor obtained. Then there must be a poll of "ratepayers," and at such poll "the question shall be submitted whether the loan rate to be imposed in respect of the loan shall be on the unimproved or the improved capital value of the land;" and lastly, a loan rate must have been duly made. This last condition precedent, however, is held in suspense until brought into operation by proclamation of the Governor on some future day.

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It will easily be seen that the clause as it stands is unworkable, as the taking of a poll as to what basis a loan rate would be assessed upon—whether on the unimproved or the improved capital value of the land—would be an absurdity when no provision is yet proclaimed for a loan rate as a condition precedent to a loan, that being held in suspense till proclaimed. Again, the "ratepayers'" roll is composed of the ratepayers on the "electors'" roll. Such rolls are not yet prepared, and will not be ready for some time. Further, the Newcastle City Council is borrowing for the purpose of improving payable and profitable properties owned by it, and there is not the slightest necessity for a loan rate for the purpose it has in contemplation.

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The City Council has at last sanctioned the removal of the park railings, and in this has followed the best park precedents in Europe, Great Britain, and the United States. The rage for fences appears to be a peculiarly Australian one. In many American towns the small curb wall is all that is deemed necessary to protect the flower parterres in front of suburban mansions. In England the heavy stone wall, topped with a chevaux de frise of broken glass bottles is in frequent evidence. In Switzerland fences are almost unknown. Boundaries are marked, as in primitive times with stones. Though the young generation are no longer periodically whipped at the boundaries to engrave them on the memory, the fenceless fields are continued. Each family knows its fields, and can point personally to its fruit trees, and identify them.

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In a vast country like ours, where nomadic shepherds have long settled down, and have fenced their holdings, we realise the necessity of fencing. There are still great unfenced spaces in Queensland and the Northern Territory. But in park spaces no fencing is required. The people have long since realised that the public gardens are communal property, and that it is everyone's business to prevent spoliation, vandalism, or robbery. In Brisbane the notice boards in the gardens state that "these gardens belong to the public, and the public are requested to protect their own property." This appeal to the collective owners is well responded to. The argument that an exterior barrier will prevent internal vandalism is absurd. If carried to its logical conclusion, we would have to shut up the park spaces altogether in order to guard the flowers from the chance of spoliation.

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The new spirit which animates the municipal councils is evidenced by the advertisement appearing in our columns from the municipality of Forbes. Efficiency and competency, it appears, are the future tests for office. A council clerk is advertised for, and the advertisement contains this clause:—"Canvassing of aldermen by intending applicants will be an absolute disqualification." Those who have had any experience of the canvassing nuisance in connection with municipal appointments, will recognise the common sense of this stipulation. Men of merit do not need to enlist the sympathies of aldermen; and if merit is not the true test, then the fullest efficiency in the official staff can never be reached. The Forbes council is to be commended upon the spirit in which it approaches the question of the appointment of its most important staff official.

# MILITARY.

### LIGHT HORSE CAMP.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The camp of continuous training of the New South Wales Light Horse regiment, at Anambah, will commence to-morrow. Arrangements in the camp are well forward. About 650 men and horses are expected in the camp by Friday. Captain Brand, staff officer, arrived to-day in charge of a fatigue party of the Royal Australian Artillery. Major Markwell, with a number of officers, go into camp to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. The Maitland, Newcastle, Dungog, Raymond Terrace, Muswellbrook, Scone, Singleton, and Rouchell detachments are due to-morrow afternoon and night; the Tenterfield, Glen Innes, Armidale, Guyra, Inverell, Tamworth, and Manilla troops are due to arrive on Friday morning. The Sixth Regiment of Light Horse will be in command of Colonel the Hon. Rupert Carrington.

It was originally intended for the Casino-Lismore regiment to attend the camp, but omitted, owing to the expense. This difficulty was eventually overcome, but too late to allow the troops to mobilise. The Army Service and Army Medical Corps, with the Lancer Band and regimental officers, attend the camp. It is intended to carry out a tactical defence scheme on Monday and Tuesday. The central point will be between Newcastle and Port Stephens. The Maitland encampment will be under the command of Colonel Vernon. Brigadier-General Gordon, Commander of the State Military Forces, will visit the camp on Sunday night and remain until the following Thursday.

HOBART, Wednesday.

Major-General Hoad, now inspecting the defence forces here, is pleased with the satisfactory state and establishment of cadets. He has his work cut out in the surrounding districts until Saturday, when he returns here for the inspection and manoeuvring of the troops of Launceston and vicinity.

# CASUALTIES.

### KNOCKED DOWN BY A MOTOR CAR.

Alfred Blake, aged 5 years, living at Caledonia-street, Paddington, was yesterday knocked down by a motor car in Centennial Park. He was conveyed to St. Vincent's Hospital, where Dr. Cahill admitted him, suffering from injuries to the head, fractured ribs, and internal injuries.

### DROWNED AT WOOLLOOMOOLOO.

An inquest was held yesterday at the Coroner's Court on the body of a man which was found on Monday floating in Woolloomoolloo Bay. The body so far has not been identified. An open verdict was returned.

### DIED IN A CART.

The death was reported yesterday of an elderly man named George Barker, lately living at Beaconsfield-street, Bexley. The deceased, it appears, left his home early in the morning, driving a cart. He was missed, and a search was made, which resulted in his body being found in the cart in Bay-street, Bexley.

### INJURED AT NATIONAL PARK.

Yesterday morning Edward Small, 47 years of age, employed at National Park, was driving a dray, when he fell off, and a wheel passed over his back. Small was conveyed to Sydney by train, and then taken to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital by the Civil Ambulance. His injuries were of a severe nature.

### THROWN FROM A SULKY.

DUNGOG, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Marsh, of Thalaba, had rather an unpleasant experience while driving to Dungog. When entering a lane which leads from Thalaba-road to the river crossing the horse suddenly shied, throwing the occupants of the sulky through a wire fence, both sustaining a severe shaking and bruises, which necessitated medical attention to the aged couple. The horse bolted towards the river, and rushing over a steep bank, smashed the sulky to pieces.

### STAKED IN THE GROIN.

MUDGEE, Wednesday.

On Monday evening William Wilson, of Hobtobolar, aged 23, after knocking off ploughing, climbed on a stack to get hay for his horses. Sliding down he struck a stake, which entered his groin, and penetrated a vital part. Wilson lingered till 1 o'clock this morning. Deceased was a well-known pedestrian.

### MAN RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS.

DAPTO, Wednesday.

While working at the old smelting works a beam containing a nail struck Charles Booker on the head, rendering him unconscious.

### A MOTOR CAR CAPSIZES.

PEAK HILL, Wednesday.

Travelling from Parkes to Peak Hill a motor car owned by Mr. J. R. Strahorn, of Glen Isla station, capsized while travelling at the rate of 25 miles an hour. The occupants, Messrs. Strahorn, Glasson, Phillips, and Fitz-Allan, were thrown violently out. Mr. Fitz-Allan, who was driving, received severe injuries. The others escaped unhurt.

### TWO BROKEN LEGS.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

A man named William M'Farlane was admitted to the hospital last night from Mullumbimby with both legs broken at the thigh. He was falling scrub, when a tree fell on him.

### BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

William McPhee, a young man working at the Junction North, fell off some planking in the mill to-day, and sustained severe injuries to his left shoulder and back. He was admitted to the hospital.

# CAT UPSETS A LAMP.

## A NARROW ESCAPE.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

A four-roomed wood and iron house at North Broken Hill, owned and occupied by Mr. W. F. Gregurkie, was destroyed by fire this morning, with all its contents. It is suspected that a cat upset a lamp which had been left burning. Mrs. Gregurkie had great difficulty in saving herself and two children, her husband being at work at the time. The roof fell in as she was rescuing the second child.

# VICTORIA.

## A CONVICTION QUASHED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

On March 7 last Horace Perkins, stationer, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment on a charge of exhibiting in the window of his shop postcards of an indecent nature. In the Practice Court to-day Mr. Justice Cussen quashed the conviction on the ground that certain evidence had been wrongly admitted. The case was remitted to the justices for rehearing.

### ANTHRAX IN MELBOURNE.

A case of anthrax is being treated at the Melbourne Hospital. The patient is Herbert Ford, an employee of the Melbourne Carrying Company. He was operated on, and then isolated. Only three cases have been treated at the Melbourne Hospital in eight years. Ford stated that he had recently handled a number of cowhides.

# NEWCASTLE.

## SELLING ADULTERATED MILK.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

At the Newcastle Police Court to-day, before Mr. S. Murphy, D.S.M., John Oakley, milk vendor, was fined £1 and £2 15s costs for having sold adulterated milk. An analysis showed that 2 per cent. of water was added to the milk.

### WELCOME TO THE REV. JOHN AULD.

A social gathering was held in the Hamilton Presbyterian Church to-night, when there was an attendance of church people to welcome the Rev. John Auld, M.A., and Mrs. Auld. The reverend gentleman is acting as locum tenens for the Rev. A. T. Anderson, M.A., during the absence of the latter on a trip to Scotland.

### COAL AND OTHER EXPORTS.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs-house to-day:—Somerset, s, for London, via Sydney, with 3206 tons bunker coal; Pegasus, bq, for Valparaiso, with 3560 tons coal, 30 pkgs cigars; Kate Tatham, bqtn, for Napier, with 378 tons coal, 14½ tons coke; Karitane, s, for Launceston and Beauty Point, via Sydney, with 1600 tons coal, 105 bags purified coke, and 41 cases biscuits; Vine Branch, s, for Manila, via Sydney, with 900 tons bunker coal, 16,000 sleepers, and quantity sawn timber; Perth, s, for Melbourne, via Port Kembla, with 1350 tons coal, 40 tons coke; Bloemfontein, s, for South Africa, via Sydney, with 1000 tons bunker coal.

# STATE POLITICS.

## LABOUR CAMPAIGN.

GLEN INNES, Tuesday.

Mr. Griffith, M.L.A., addressed a large meeting at the Town Hall last night. The Mayor presided.

Mr. Griffith stated the policy of the Labour party was common-sense socialism, aiming not at any sudden dislocation of the whole of our industrial methods, but the gradual extension of the principle of nationalisation till ultimately every man would receive the whole value of his labour. The Labour party and the country generally were tired of the three-party system. All the followers of both Mr. Carruthers and Mr. Waddell were equally anti-labour, they should all belong to one party. They would have formed a coalition long ago had there not been in both sections office-seekers who could not agree among themselves who were to have the two or three portfolios about to become vacant. The further prorogation of Parliament last week showed that the Premier intended to evade a solemn promise to the country to have a business session before Parliament expired. This would occur at the beginning of August, and as the House last week was prorogued till June, there would either be no session or one so short that no useful work could be done. It was nothing short of a scandal that the people's representatives should be kept gagged from November till the following September. If Mr. Carruthers considered the present Parliament fit to do work for which it was elected, members should have been called together before this. If he did not think so, then he should have secured a dissolution of the House months ago, and given the country an opportunity to elect a new one.

# TASMANIAN SMELTING WORKS.

## TROUBLE AMONGST THE WORKMEN.

ZEEHAN, Wednesday.

Mr. Steve Forde, secretary of the local branch of the A.M.A., to-day interviewed a number of discontented employees at the Tasmanian Smelting Company's works, and it has been arranged that two shifts of the furnace men shall meet at the A.M.A. buildings on Thursday night, to discuss the situation with some members of the A.M.A.

Mr. T. Kapp, general manager of smelters, has notified the mine managers that after Saturday next he may not be in a position to purchase ore from them, as the smelters may be closed, owing to the labour trouble. Generally, however, it is thought that the men will recede from the position they have taken up.

# COAL LUMPERS' STRIKE.

## IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT.

### EMPLOYERS' LABOUR BUREAU.

A new development has occurred in connection with the difficulty with the coal lumpers, as the outcome of deliberations of the Steam Collier Owners and Coal Stevedores' Association, industrial union of employers, which held an important meeting yesterday, when the period mentioned in the ultimatum to the Coal Lumpers' Union elapsed. The association, in view of the present position of affairs, feels justified in taking determined and protective measures. Yesterday's conference was for the purpose of receiving and considering any reply which the Coal Lumpers' Union might make to the association's letter of the 12th inst. The communication referred to was forwarded by Mr. W. A. Firth (secretary) under instructions from the Steam Collier Owners and Coal Stevedores' Association, to Mr. O'Connor, secretary of the union, calling attention to the fact that some of the union members had struck work, and requesting an assurance that the men would loyally abide by the terms of the Arbitration Court award. As an alternative a non-compliance with the request the association expressed its intention of taking whatever action it deemed desirable. The assurance was asked for before noon on the 17th inst. The letter was considered at a meeting of the union held on the 16th inst., and the secretary was instructed to reply notifying the association that the union had every desire to work in accordance with the award of the Arbitration Court; but that members of the union individually could not be forced to accept work under what were to them unbearable conditions, and not equal to those of other organisations.

Consideration was given to the above letter, and the meeting yesterday unanimously resolved to instruct Mr. Firth to forward the following reply:—"I have to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 16th inst., which was placed before my association at their meeting to-day, and in reply I am instructed to say that my association regrets to receive the intimation that the members of the Sydney Coal Lumpers' Union will not work under the terms of the Arbitration Court award." A decision was then arrived at that, as preference to unionists was abolished some three or four weeks ago by the Arbitration Court on the association's application, in future all employees must sign an individual contract based on the terms of the award, and to work when and as required. Also that an office for the employment of coal lumpers by the association shall be opened on Friday.

Mr. Firth, on being asked how free labour had fulfilled requirements so far with regard to coaling the vessels in port, replied that every satisfaction had been given. The men, he said, had shaped excellently. Coal lumping, moreover, not being a labour which called for any special degree of expertness, the men had rapidly got into their stride, and had accomplished their work well.

With a view of ascertaining the effect of the association's decision in regard to the union a representative of the "Herald" last night interviewed several members of the latter body. Though considerable reticence was displayed, it is understood that no official action has been taken concerning the matter. The men, however, are very emphatic in maintaining that the stand they took in refusing to coal the Orient liner under the supervision of a certain foreman was justified. They were, they assert, perfectly willing to continue coaling operations under another foreman, and in the case of the N.D.L. steamer Yorck they were not given a chance. Had men been required for her fully 300 would have responded. So far as the employers engaging independent labour are concerned, they hold that it will not be so easy a matter as appears to be anticipated, giving as their reason that in the case of a coal carrier, at least, a man has to undergo an unpleasant and severe training before he makes a success at it.

# COUNTRY NEWS.

## ARBITRATION COURT AT LITHGOW.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The Arbitration Court continued the hearing of the Portland dispute to-day. The evidence of Mr. John Saville, manager of the works, was concluded. It is understood that the hearing will be resumed in Sydney on Friday, when the managing director and other witnesses for the respondents will give evidence.

### FIRES.

RACEHORSES BURNT ALIVE.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

Two racehorses stabled in Mr. Arthur's stables, Baylis-street, Wagga, were burnt to death, and the stable premises completely gutted. The horses were an aged Cranbrook gelding, Glimmer, the winner of the last Junee Cup; and Yanawaa, an aged gelding, also a useful racing animal. They were the property of Mr. Geo. Jobson, of Gouldburn, and were leased by Mr. R. W. M'Kinnon, of Young. The animals, which were valued at £350, were uninsured. The horses, which were brought from Albury last week, were nominated for the Cootamundra races to-day.

### THE CHURCHES.

DUNGOG, Wednesday.

The proceeds of a sale of work held in aid of the Church of England amounted to nearly £70.

MUDGEE, Wednesday.

The Rev. H. Stuart Anderson was inducted to the charge of St. Paul's Presyterian Church this afternoon.

A meeting of the Presbytery of Bathurst was held at Mudgee to-day. The business was chiefly formal.

SUNNY CORNER, Wednesday.

The annual Harvest Festival in connection with the Church of England was held on Sunday evening. Owing to the bountiful season there was a magnificent display of fruit, vegetables, and cereals. The service was conducted by the Rev. Vaughan-Rose, R.D., who preached to a crowded congregation. Next day the donations of fruit, etc., were disposed of at a Bruce auction by Mr. C. W. Chiplin, and the proceeds handed over to the church funds.

### QUARTER SESSIONS.

BEGA, Wednesday.

At the Quarter Sessions to-day, Robert Fawcett was found guilty of assaulting a little girl, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Ernest Day, aged about 20, was found guilty of breaking, entering, and stealing, and remanded for sentence. The jury strongly recommended mercy.

ARMIDALE, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Armidale railway league it was decided to hold a conference at Armidale on May 27. There will be delegates representing all the towns from Tenterfield to Tamworth. All the places interested are to urge the Government to construct a line from Coff's Harbour to the Tableland.

The flower and industrial exhibition was opened by Mr. Kearney, member for the district, at the Town Hall, to-night, in aid of the Methodist Church.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

At a meeting last night it was decided to take steps to form a Good Templars' Lodge.

The Licensing Court to-day cancelled the license of Florence Jonas, of the Oxford Hotel, for having been convicted three times within three years of breaches of the Licensing Act. A special license for the hotel was afterwards granted to Frank Gardner.

GILGANDRA, Wednesday.

Messrs. Riley, Newman, and Co.'s depot was entered by burglars during Monday night. A quantity of skins was stolen, and also money. First-class Constable M'Kinlay arrested three suspects.

Mr. Kennedy, of the Railway Department, has completed an exploratory survey of the line 20 miles from Gilgandra, in the direction of Coonabarabran, his object being to penetrate the forest reserve beyond the present cutting limit, in order that a better supply of sleepers may be obtained.

KURRI KURRI, Wednesday.

Mr. W. M. Mark, a well-known storekeeper, who has taken up a selection on the Dorrigo, was farewelled last night by the residents. He was presented with a gold watch, chain, and medallion. Mrs. Mark was presented with a dressing case.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

The contractor, Mr. Oakes, has completed a temporary bridge over Cycester Creek to carry traffic pending the demolition of the present structure and the erection of a new one.

Mr. F. J. Hazell, assistant C.P.S., who has been promoted to Maclean, was entertained this afternoon, and presented with a handsome tea and coffee service.

MUSWELLBROOK, Wednesday.

While members of Mr. William Peachey's family were at an entertainment last night the house was entered. £22 in cash was stolen, and jewellery valued at £12.

PEAK HILL, Wednesday.

At a special meeting of the hospital committee Miss Gorrick, of Summer Hill, was appointed matron of the district hospital.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

A young man named Harry Cleary was fined £1, or seven days, at the Police Court to-day on a charge of stealing a watch from his mate.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The Rev. R. B. S. Hammond delivered an address in the Town Hall last evening on "No License."

Certificates in connection with the St. John Ambulance Association were presented to members of the East Maitland branch by the Mayor last evening. A present was also made to Dr. S. A. Alcorn for having instructed the classes.

Ladies' committees have been formed in East and West Maitland in connection with the proposed Exhibition of Women's Work in Melbourne.

The committee of the St. Patrick's Day sports were entertained at a social last night. The president, Father M'Auliffe, stated that the net results of the sports amounted to £217.

# COLONIAL SUGAR-REFINING COMPANY.

## BUYS UP BUSINESSES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Ltd., have purchased the business and refineries of Messrs. Poolman and Co., Port Melbourne, and of Messrs. Poolman Bros., of Sydney. Messrs. Poolman and Co.'s Port Melbourne refinery was established in 1886. Early this year Poolman Bros. started operations at the newly-built Sydney refinery. Nearly the whole of the sugar trade in Australia is now in the hands of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, the principal exceptions being some private establishments, and a certain Queensland's establishments, and a certain amount of business done in Mauritius in sugar which is imported chiefly for brewers' use.

# LATE COMMERCIAL.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Wheat parcels were inquired for at 2s 6½d, and also at 3s 1½d. Holders firm. Flour £7 for export; bran, at 3s 1½d. Some millers are inclined to ask more. Thirty bales cornsacks on the spot sold at 7s 8d.

# AMUSEMENTS.

### AMATEUR ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

Her Excellency Lady Northcote and suite will be present at the Sydney Amateur Orchestral Society's opening concert at the Town Hall to-night, when, as already noted, Signor Haron will conduct Dvorak's "Carneval Overture" for the first time. The programme will also include Tchaikowsky's "Symphonie Pathetique." Miss Nance Maher will be the vocalist.

# THE MAILS.

### THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 5.45 p.m.
Eden.—Eden, 9 a.m.
Macleay River.—Ramornie, 10 a.m.
Hobart (direct).—Westralia, 11 a.m.
Port Macquarie.—Pyrmont, 1 p.m.
Richmond River.—City of Grafton, 1 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Coolgardie, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 6.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-west Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Orion, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Tathra.—Bega, 9 a.m.
Valparaiso.—Cuzco, 1 p.m.
Macquarie, Menado, Coromtala, Banda-Neira, Soursbaya, Tjilitjap, and Padang.—Flensburg, 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Wimmera, 11 a.m.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Athenic, 11 a.m.
Port Macquarie.—Waratah, 11 a.m.
Macleay River and Byron Bay, via Newcastle.—Cavanba, noon.
Brisbane.—Peregrine, 1 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 1 p.m.
Nambucca Heads and Macksville.—Rocklilly, 4 p.m.
Manning River.—Rosedale, 5 p.m.
Richmond River.—Brundah, 7 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Bellinger River.—Burrawong, 9 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Yongala, 9.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 9.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-West Coast of Tasmania via Melbourne.—Flora, 9.30 p.m.

DYSPEPSIA makes you nervous, and nervousness makes you dyspeptic; either one renders you miserable, and Carter's Little Liver Pills cure both. But be sure they are Carter's.—Advt.

## RECEPTION AT THE TOWN HALL.

Last night a brilliant reception was held in the Town Hall by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Sydney (Alderman and Mrs. Thomas Hughes), who invited about 1500 guests "to meet their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Northcote," including his Excellency the Governor and Miss Rawson. Seldom has the Town Hall presented such a charming appearance, for the decorations were carried out in a delicate and effective manner by means of hundreds of electric lights, outlining the extreme upper sides of the hall and the arches, the latter also being outlined with a feathery tracing of green leaves. Palms and trophies of flags ornamented the galleries. An innovation which met with approbation was the vice-regal dais at the end of the hall in front of the organ, which was beautifully arranged with palms. From half-past 8 o'clock until 9.30 p.m. the Lord and Lady Mayoress stood to receive their guests just beneath the northern gallery, the Lord Mayor wearing his official robes, the Lady Mayoress being attired in handsome white satin with lace fichu and a long trailing corsage bouquet of orchids; a headdress of white marabout feathers completed the toilette. Mr. Nesbitt and Mr. Layton were in attendance, and with Captain Wilson, A.D.C., headed the first procession when his Excellency the Governor arrived and entered the hall with the Lady Mayoress, followed by the Lord Mayor and Miss Rawson, Sir Frederick Darley and Mrs. Carruthers, Mr. Carruthers and Mrs. Stokes-Rees, General Gordon and Miss Darley, Rear-Admiral Stokes-Rees and Mrs. Harrison Smith, and Mr. Harrison Smith and Miss Wilson. A little later their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Northcote arrived and were received by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and escorted to the dais, Captain Greville, Captain Stephens, Captain Fyers, and Mr. Shaw, R.N., being in attendance.

Her Excellency wore a beautiful dress of pale amethyst coloured satin duchesse, embroidered in mother-o'-pearl and silver sequins, with a diamond tiara, necklace, collar, and other ornaments, and carried a bouquet of lillies of the valley and violets, presented upon her arrival by Master Geoffrey Forrest Hughes, younger son of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. Miss Rawson's black jetted net was worn over white, and she also carried a posy bouquet, presented by Master Hughes. Miss Darley was in pale blue. Mrs. Stokes-Rees wore white brocaded satin and handsome Irish crochet on the bodice. Lady Griffith was in black and white. Lady Barton's black satin was relieved with cream lace, and she also wore her coronation medal. Lady Downer was in palest grey crepe-de-chine, with silver spangles and fine lace bertha. Miss Wilson wore white and silver spangled chiffon. Mrs. Higgins (Melbourne) was in cream satin. Mrs. Carruthers, white. Mrs. Hogue, yellow and gold sequins; Mrs. Wade, pale pink. Mrs. Layton, pompadour china silk.

The gathering also included Sir Samuel and Lady Griffith, Sir John and Lady Downer, Brigadier-General Gordon, Senator and Mrs. Gould, Sir Henry and Lady Stephen, Hon. J. and Mrs. Ashton, Judge and Mrs. Backhouse, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Bartlett, captains and officers of the British war ships in port, Captain Begas and the wardroom officers of H.I.G.M.S. Condor, Senator and Miss Walker, Hon. J. H. and Mrs. Carruthers, Colonel and Mrs. Irving, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Gilhooley, Mr. Justic. Isaacs, Hon. B. B. and Mrs. O'Conor, M. Pinard, Count Morner (Consul-General for Sweden.) Judge and Mrs. Rogers, Sir Normand and Lady MacLaurin, Mr. and Mrs. Lane Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Taylor, Rev. Ronald and Mrs. Macintyre, Mr. Justice O'Connor, Major and Mrs. Malowaring, Lady Mikouho Mackay, Mrs. Stokoe, Skirving, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Monsignor Donovan, Hon. C. E. Pilcher, Mr. and Miss Kelso King, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wesche, Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson and Miss Anderson, Mrs. Pring, Mr. Justice Isaacs, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hughes, Miss MacDonald, Miss Gurney, Mlle. Soubeiran, the Misses Garran, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Mr. O'Rourke, Mr. and Mrs. Creed, Judge and Mrs. Fitzhardinge, Mr. W. Docker, Miss Murray, Mrs. and Miss Burdekin, Mr. F. W. and Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mr. Justice O'Connor, Hon. S. W. and Mrs. Moore, Mr. Justice Higgins and Mrs. Higgins, Lady Abbott and Miss Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Carey, Mrs. and Miss Fiaschi, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nathan. Dr. and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Barlow, Mrs. Curnow, Professor and Mrs. Anderson Stuart, Colonel and Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Toohey, Miss Rose Scott, Mr. T. and Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Lister, Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Dalton, Judge and Mrs. Murray, M. Deschard, Mrs. and Miss Alexander, Mr. R. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. G. and Mrs. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Conroy, Mr. T. Docker, Mr. and Mrs Alexander Gordon, Miss Windeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralston, Monsignor O'Haran, and Dr. and Mrs. Collins.

The Vice-regal party were entertained at supper served in the vestibule, and refreshments were served on long tables beneath the galleries. During the evening an excellent programme of music was rendered by the Australia Orchestra under the direction of Mr. W. R. Gilhooley, and Miss Gertrude Palmer played her graceful dance "Enid" in conjunction with the orchestra.

Everything was well managed and carried out, except the arrangements in connection with the cloak-rooms, where the throng was so great it was almost impossible to move in or out, and reach the main hall.

# METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average rainfall for 48 years, 48.60.
Average for 49 years, Jan. 1 to March 31, 13.37.
Total rainfall from Jan. 1, 1907, to April 17, 14.398.
Total for corresponding period last year, 7.564.
Temperature.—Maximum, 70; minimum, 54.3; 9 p.m., 61.
Barometer.—9 a.m., 29.998; 3 p.m., 29.932; 9 p.m., 30.023.
Humidity.—9 a.m., 71; 3 p.m., 55; 9 p.m., 85.
Wind.—Greatest velocity, 11 miles per hour.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon 29.99, Geraldton 30.04, Perth 30.04, Kalgoorlie 30.04, Streaky Bay 29.99, Adelaide 30.02, Hobart 30.06, Portland 30.06, Melbourne 30.05, Wilson's Promontory 30.04, Sydney 30.04, Grafton 30.04, Brisbane 30.04, Rockhampton 30.02, Mackay 29.99, Cooktown 29.96.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Adaminaby 12 points, Arahlen 24, Armidale 29, Bannistown 2, Barraba 60, Batemans Bay 10, Bega 11, Bendemeer 28, Bingara 71, Blackville 9, Bodalla 22, Boggabri 20, Bombala 64, Braidwood 12, Burrinjuck 31, Bundella 9, Byron Bay 10, Cape Hawke 10, Cooma 9, Delegate 22, Eden 7, Emmaville 12, Gabo Island 15, Glebe 17, Glen Innes 20, Green Cape 18, Gresford 15, Gunnedah 22, Jerry's Plains 7, Jervis Bay 10, Kandos 2, Maitland 12, Manning Heads 25, Marrickville 4, Millie 14, Moree 35, Moruya Heads 27, Mungindi 30, Nambucca 15, Nattai 33, Newcastle 24, Nimitybelle 27, Nowra 8, Nundle 24, Pambula 18, Parramatta 8, Port Macquarie 25, Port Stephens 140, Queanbeyan 4, Quirindi 33, Raymond Terrace 15, Scone 15, Sydney 7, Tamworth 57, Taralga 9, Taree 20, Tenterfield 3, Tweed Heads 26, Ulladulla 120, Uralla 48, Walcha 38, Wariatah 8, Wee Waa 12, Werris Creek 35, Windsor 55, Woolgoolga 7.

SCOPE OF RAINFALL.

New South Wales.—Light to moderate over the Upper Darling tributaries and coastal districts, extending in parts of highlands.

Victoria.—Light, scattered places in the south, heaviest (one inch) at Cunningham.

SYNOPSIS.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—The unsettled condition of the atmosphere over eastern and central areas yesterday resulted in light and moderate rainfall over the Upper Darwon tributaries, parts of highlands, and coast districts.

Victoria.—The inland, rain on the coast, and showery line from Wilson's Promontory.

Tasmania.—Cloudy to showery over northern area, elsewhere fine.

South Australia.—Scattered cloud on coast, elsewhere fine.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers on Wednesday were as follows:—Albury, 10in; Balranald, below summer level; Bingara, 10ft; Boggabri's, 24ft; Bourke, 10ft 6in, 4ft; Brewarrina, 12ft 7in, 4ft; Condobolin, 8in; Cowra, 1ft; Dubbo, 2ft 6in; Eumbalong, 6in; Euston, 4ft 9in; Goodooga, 2ft 6in; Gundaroo low; Gunnedah, low; Hay, below summer level; Hillston, 6in; Kunopia, low; Louth, 10ft 3in, r; Menindee, 10ft 2in, r; Mossgiel, 7ft 5in; Mogil Mogil, 8ft 2in, r; Moulamein, below summer level; Mungundi, 8ft 9in, f; Narranderra, 6ft 8in, f; Pooncarie, 9ft 4in; Tilpa, 11ft 7in, r; Tocumwal, 1ft 10in; Wagga Wagga, 1ft 11in; Wentworth, 2ft 1in; Wilcannia, 11ft 9in, r; Yetman, 2ft 3in;

# MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

## STOCKS AND SHARES.

Yesterday's business on 'Change attained good proportions. Among bank shares City of Sydney, new, sold at 6d lower than the late rate, while Bank of New South Wales went back another 5s, and Union was dealt with without alteration. A.J.S. deposit transactions were without variation. South Greta Coal improved to the extent of 1s 6d, and Sydney Hydraulic, contributing, by 1s 9d. A sale was made of Australian Newspaper at 19s, a fall of 2s 6d on the last disposal, but holders finished in a stronger mood. Sellers raised their demands in the case of East Greta Coal, Australian Gas, Colonial Sugar, Permanent Trustee, and Silverton Trams.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Australian Newspaper, 15s; City Bank of Sydney, new, 68s; Union Bank, £59 10s; Mercantile Mutual Insurance, 17s; South Greta Coal, paid, 9s 6d; Bank of New South Wales, £41 15s; A.J.S. "B," 15s 10½d; Sydney Hydraulic, contg. 16s 9d. Afternoon: A.J.S., interbed. 13s 6d; North Coast Steam, 25s 3d.

Closing quotations were:—

| Company. | Capital Paid up. | Amount of Shares. | Shares Paid Up. | Last Div. per annum. | Prices. Last Sale. | Buyers. | Sellers. | Yield to Investor. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| F. STOCK. | | | | | £ | £ | £ | p.c. |
| N.S.W.F.S. Inc. 1915. | 4,006,702 | ... | ... | 3 | 99½ | ... | 99½ | 3 |
| Do. Inc 1912 | 1,200,175 | ... | ... | 3½ | 99½ | 98 | 99½ | 3½ |
| Do. Inc 1912 | 2,849,350 | ... | ... | 4 | 101½ | 101 | ... | 3½ |
| Do. Inc 1924-5 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 92 | 88 | ... | 3½ |
| Do. Inc 1913 | ... | ... | ... | 3½ | 99½ | 98½ | ... | 3½ |
| Do. Act 1878 | 830,189 | ... | ... | 4 | 107 | 105 | ... | 3½ |
| Do. 4 p.c. Inc. 1917 | 850,000 | ... | ... | 4 | 100½ | 99½ | ... | 3½ |
| Do. Inc 1939 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 100 | 100 | ... | 4 |
| Do. Inc 1908 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | 100 | ... | 4 |
| Do. P. Bills, 1908 | 1,199,700 | ... | ... | 5½ | 100 | 99½ | ... | 3½ |
| Do. 1909 | 905,000 | ... | ... | 4 | 100½ | 100 | ... | 3½ |
| N.S.W. Debs., 1910 | 800,000 | ... | ... | 4 | 104 | 101½ | 103 | 3½ |
| Do. 1913 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Sydney Corporation Debs. 1908 | 220,000 | ... | ... | 4 | 102 | 102 | ... | 3½ |
| Do. 1909 | 100,000 | ... | ... | 4 | 102 | 102 | ... | 3½ |
| Do. 1925 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 99½ | 102 | ... | 3½ |
| Do. Inscr. Stock | 380,000 | ... | ... | 4 | 102 | 102½ | ... | 3½ |
| Do. Tr. Bills | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 101⅞ | 101 | ... | 3½ |
| W.A. Inscr. Stock | 800,000 | ... | ... | 4 | 102 | 101½ | ... | 3½ |
| Auckland Debs. 1908 | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| City Sydney Tram. | 220,000 | ... | ... | 4 | 102 | 102 | ... | 3½ |
| Do. 1925 | 100,000 | ... | ... | 4 | 102 | 102 | ... | 3½ |
| Do. 1926 | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 108 | 106 | ... | 4 |
| Cal. Sugar Debs. 1913 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 82 | ... | ... |
| Clifton Coal Debs. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| BANKS. | | | | | | | | |
| Aust. J. S. Bank | 184,598 | 8½ | 1 | | | | | |
| Australian Joint Stock | 1,600,000 | 40 | 20 | 12 | 184 | 183 | ... | |
| City | 240,000 | 10 | 8 | 24 | 71 | ... | 69 | |
| New Zealand | 160,000 | 10 | 7 | 21 | 69½ | 67½ | 69 | |
| New Commercial of Aust. | 64,889 | 10 | 10 | | 16,6 | ... | ... | 16 |
| Bk. of Aust. Asia | 2,137,280 | 1 | 10 | 3 | 6⅝ | ... | ... | |
| Com. Bkg. Co. of Syd. | 1,000,000 | 25 | 12½ | 10 | 35 | ... | 34½ | |
| Bk. of Aust. Limited | 1,192,440 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 35 | 180 | ... | |
| Colonial Bank | 305,780 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 11⅞ | 11 | ... | |
| Union | 2,000,000 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 51½ | 51 | 51½ | |
| N.S.W. | 437,319 | 8½ | 5½ | 5 | 16 | ... | ... | |
| N. Zealand | 1,000,000 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 29½ | 29 | ... | |
| N. Queensland | 413,063 | 5 | 5 | | 25 | 22 | 27½ | |
| Colonial Mut. Fire | 457,619 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 95 | ... | 100 | |
| Nat. Fire | 1,500,000 | 75 | 25 | 12 | 50½ | 50½ | 50 | |
| DEBENTURES. | | | | | | | | |
| A.J.S. Bk.—Class B, 1907 | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 15-10½ | 15½ | 15½ | |
| Class B, 1907 | 788,033 | ... | ... | 3½ | 13-6 | 13½ | 13½ | |
| Do., Inscr. Gen. of Assets | 3,884,903 | ... | ... | 3 | 17½ | 17½ | ... | |
| B.S.A. Inscr. Inscr. | 889,419 | ... | ... | 3 | 18½ | 13/ | 13/6 | |
| Do. Def. | 826,758 | ... | ... | 3 | 9 | 8½ | 9 | |
| Do. Def. | 983,547 | ... | ... | 4 | 18/10 | 18/6 | 19/ | |
| Q. Nat.* | 3,116,621 | ... | ... | 8½ | 17½ | 17½ | 17½ | |
| BREWERY. | | | | | | | | |
| Tooth's Pal. Perp. | 80,000 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 42/ | ... | 39/ | |
| Tooth's Brewery | 49,797 | 5 | 15/ | 7 | 25/ | 24/ | ... | |
| Resch's Brewery | 250,000 | 20 | 20/ | 10/ | 84/ | 82/6 | 84/6 | |
| Do., do. pref. | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 7 | ... | 18/ | |
| Pfd. Stock | ... | 20 | 20/ | 5 | 20/6 | 20/ | 21/ | |
| Ditto, do. pref. | ... | ... | ... | | 5/6 | ... | 5/8 | |
| Tooth's Brewery | 100,000 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 24/3 | 24 | 24/6 | |
| Fourth Glass | 131,250 | 1 | 17/6 | 8 | 25/3 | 25/3 | 25/6 | |
| Do., new Issue | ... | 15/ | ... | | 21/6 | 17/6 | ... | |
| Defd. Brewery | 160,000 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 20/ | 19/ | 20/ | |
| Ditto, new Issue | ... | 1 | 10/ | | 20/ | 4/ | 5/6 | |
| N. Zealand | 53,000 | 20/ | 25/ | 10 | 22/6 | 22/ | 25/ | |
| Ditto, deb. | 8,745 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 9/ | 8/ | ... | |
| INSURANCE. | | | | | | | | |
| A.M. Fire | 62,500 | 1 | 12/6 | 14/ | 42/6 | 42/ | 43/6 | |
| Do. Mut. | 48,000 | 1 | 5 | 12/ | 17/ | 16/9 | 17/3 | |
| Ditto, New Zealand | 24,000 | 10 | 2 | 15 | 31/6 | 31/ | ... | |
| N. Zealand | 24,000 | 10 | 1 | 8 | 16/6 | 16/ | 20/ | |
| N. Queensland | 20,000 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2/ | ... | ... | |
| Defd. | 80,000 | 2 | 1 | 12½ | 5/ | ... | 6 | |
| Ed. Mut. Fire | 100,000 | 20 | 20/ | 40/ | 49/9 | 47/6 | ... | |
| TRAL. | | | | | | | | |
| Reliance | 178,000 | 1 | 1 | 15/ | 50/ | 39/ | ... | |
| Rat. Creek | 150,000 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 23/9 | 24/ | 24/6 | |
| South Creek | 9,000 | 10/ | 10/ | | 9/6 | 9/ | ... | |
| Creek Cons. | 16,000 | 10/ | 7/ | | 7/ | ... | ... | |
| Bull's Creek | 42,550 | 5 | 5 | | ... | ... | ... | |
| Burton | 122,653 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 35/ | 32/6 | 40/ | |
| Newcastle | 100,000 | 11 | 10 | | 9/6 | 9/ | 9/3 | |
| Stockton | 85,831 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4/ | ... | 2/1 | |
| New | 30,000 | 1 | 16/ | 1½ | 1st | ... | 1st | |
| W. of C'tail | 30,000 | 1 | 10/ | 10 | 30/ | 28/6 | 30/6 | |
| Wallsend | 40,000 | 10 | 4 | 10/ | 22½ | 22/ | ... | |
| Waratah | ... | ... | ... | | 7 | ... | ... | |
| Wickham & Pullback Tn. | 104,845 | 1 | 1 | | 3/2 | 3/6 | 4/9 | |
| New | ... | ... | 15/ | | ... | 8/ | ... | |
| Preferential | 100,000 | 1 | 20/ | | 9/ | 8/9 | ... | |
| North Bulli | ... | ... | 20/ | | 12/6 | 10/ | ... | |
| GAS. | | | | | | | | |
| Albury | 7,500 | 1 | 17/6 | 10 | 22/ | 21/ | 25/ | |
| Australian | 750,000 | 6 | 6 | 15 | 19½ | 19 | 19½ | |
| Ditto, New | ... | 6 | 4 | 15 | 19½ | ... | ... | |
| Chat. Tower | 30,000 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 14/6 | ... | 14/8 | |
| Sheffield | 50,000 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 37/6 | 36/ | 50/ | |
| Brighton | 8,000 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 30/6 | 31/ | ... | |
| Kalgoorlie & Boulder | 7,734 | 1 | 20/ | | 29/ | 19/6 | 20/3 | |
| Lessees, paid | 15,500 | 5 | 5 | 7 | ... | 6/3 | 6/ | |
| Maitland | 19,000 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 35 | 34 | 342 | |
| Manly | 19,000 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 31/ | 31/6 | ... | |
| Ditto, New | 7,500 | 1 | 15/ | 8 | 23/ | 22/6 | 24/ | |
| Melbourne | 80,000 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 41/ | 41 | 42/6 | |
| Newcastle | 45,000 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 46 | 45 | ... | |
| Nth. Shore | 150,000 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 30/ | 29/ | 41/ | |
| NEWSPAPER. | | | | | | | | |
| C. & Wood | 250,000 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 11/6 | 10/ | 12/ | |
| Do. | 100,000 | 15/ | 15/ | 20/3 | 20/3 | 21/ | ... | |
| Publishers' Ltd | 400,000 | 1 | 16/ | 5 | 17/3 | 16/ | 18/3 | |
| Truth's | 900,000 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 35/3 | 33/6 | 35/9 | |
| NICKELS'S | | | | | | | | |
| Amalgamated | 17,500 | 15/ | 15/ | 5 | 2/ | 2/ | 2/3 | |
| Aust. Newsa. | 40,000 | 1 | ... | | 15/ | 15/ | 18/6 | |
| B. J. W. | 200,000 | 1 | 1 | 4½ | 19/3 | 19/6 | 21/ | |
| Bruce, Philp | 30,000 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 40/ | 40/ | ... | |
| New Town | 30,000 | 1 | 10/ | 8 | 20/ | ... | 20/6 | |
| Brooks & Co. | ... | ... | ... | | ... | ... | 22/ | |
| Do., pref. | ... | ... | ... | | ... | ... | 20/ | |
| Ord. Sugar | 2,666,220 | 20 | 20 | 10 | 42½ | 42½ | 42½ | |
| Delprat and Co. | 1,000,000 | 20 | 5 | 7 | 6/16/6 | 6/ | 7 | |
| Denison Pastoral | ... | ... | ... | | ... | ... | ... | |
| Dym. pref. | 80,000 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 19/6 | ... | 20/6 | |
| Ezzy & Ball. | ... | ... | ... | | 4/10½ | 4/4 | 4/10 | |
| Ditto new | ... | ... | ... | | ... | 12½ | ... | |
| Ezzy & Pros. | ... | ... | ... | | ... | ... | ... | |
| Gravel | 27,200 | 1 | 10 | 7 | 6/9 | 7/ | 8/9 | |
| Gosford and Dunfish | 165,000 | 15/ | 15/ | 6 | 14/ | ... | 15/ | |
| Hal. Trust | 490,000 | 1 | 10 | 12½ | 28/6 | ... | 30/ | |
| H. de Pietro | 74,518 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 20/ | ... | 20/ | |
| Hoff's Dusk | 60,000 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 16/6 | 15/3 | 17/6 | |
| Ditto, pref. | 40,301 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 21/ | 21/6 | 22/ | |
| F. Prod. Inc. | 91,750 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 13/ | 13/ | 13/6 | |
| Pub. Trust | 70,000 | 5 | 2½ | 10 | 5/5 | 5/4 | 5/6 | |
| Rubberoid | 25,000 | 10 | 5 | 18 | 12/9 | 12/ | 13/6 | |
| Do. Co. | ... | ... | ... | | ... | ... | ... | |
| Wrench | 60,000 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1/ | 13/9 | ... | |
| Slade & Co. | ... | ... | ... | | ... | 1/1 | ... | |
| Sydney Tramway | 197,806 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 102 6 | 101/6 | 105/ | |
| Syd. Trust | 36,000 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 12½ | 12 | ... | |
| Syd. Hyd. | 75,000 | 1 | 10/ | 10 | 32/ | 32/ | 34/ | |
| Ditto Hyd. & Gas | 37,500 | 1 | 10/ | 10 | 16/9 | 16/6 | 16/9 | |
| Ditto Hyd. & O. E. | 22,500 | 1 | 15/ | 15 | 29/6 | 28/6 | ... | |
| Syd. Cyclorama | 80,000 | 1 | 20/ | | 19/ | 18/ | ... | |
| Tel. Land Co. | 15,000 | 1 | 1 | | 1/20 | ... | ... | |
| W. H. Soul, Pat. & Co. | 120,000 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 41/ | 41/ | 45/ | |
| T. M. Hall | 6,000 | 1 | 20/ | | 1 | ... | ... | |
| Ditto, pref. | 2,700 | 1 | 20 | | 1 | ... | ... | |
| Hotel Metropole | 75,000 | 1 | 20/ | 6 | 20/3 | 20/ | 20/6 | |
| Ditto, pref. | 17,577 | 1 | 20 | 6 | 3/ | ... | 3/3 | |
| Gas Co's Area | 80,000 | 1 | 20/ | | 2/6 | ... | 2/9 | |
| Q'sland Meat Ex. & Ag'y | 67,819 | 5 | 5 | | 12/ | ... | ... | |
| Ditto, new | 60,683 | 1 | 20/ | 12½ | 23/6 | 23/ | 26/ | |
| Pitt, Son, & B. | 80,000 | 1 | 10/ | | 11/6 | 11/ | 13/ | |
| LAND & BUILDING. | | | | | | | | |
| Cons. B. & L. | ... | ... | ... | | 2/6 | 2/ | 4/ | |
| Exors. Dep. | ... | ... | ... | | 9/ | ... | ... | |
| H'ukt'sbaren Ind. Prov. | ... | ... | ... | | ... | 2½/ | ... | |
| Intern. Invs. | 43,882 | 20 | 6 | 19 | 19½ | ... | ... | |
| News B. & I. | 37,685 | 1 | 15/ | 10 | 21/ | ... | 30/ | |
| Syd. Free L. & Sdbn. Dp. | 17,500 | 7/ | 1 | 6 | 13/ | ... | 6 | |

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. † Per share. ‡ Ex dividend. ** Ex interim. § Call paid.

## INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's quotations were:—Brewing Company, paid, 25s 6d; Zinc Corporation, 17s, 17s 3d, & 17s 6d.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's quotations were:—Queensland Trustee, b 2s 10d, a 4s 3d; Queensland National Bank, b 23s 6d, ditto, inscribed stock a 17s 4d; Savings Bank 3½ per cent. stock, b £99.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3 per cents, £90, £90 15s; Daligety, £6 15s; Metropolitan £10 7s; Colonial Mutual Insurance, 49s; Emu Bay Railway, 4s 5d; Howard Smith, 20s paid, 23s 6d.

# FINANCIAL.

### QUESTIONABLE CUSTOMS PRACTICE.

The matter of the Customs Department refusing to accept the invoice cost of goods as the basis of value for duty, but instead exercising powers provided in the Customs Act by charging duty on higher values, has again cropped up in Melbourne. The basis on which the department is working is to charge British home prices instead of export rates. The "Argus" rightly remarks that in doing this the department appears to ignore the fact that the two classes of business are not on an equal footing, since the home price covers the terms allowed to the buyer, while the export price is the value of a parcel sold on cash terms. Cases that have arisen are principally in connection with articles in which only a limited trade is done, and where, in consequence, the amount of money concerned is not large enough to warrant testing the matter at law. The department's action in setting aside the invoice value gives rise to a question which may come up when prices are falling instead of rising. When a decline takes place, especially if it be a considerable one, the current market value may be less than the invoice cost of goods contracted for at an earlier date, and in that case the question may be asked whether the Customs will accept duty on the lower basis.

### METRIC WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Mr. F. E. Winchcombe, in the following letter on the above subject, incidentally refers to an important step which has been agreed upon by the Sydney wool trade in the direction of discarding the existing system:—

Any proposed change of ancient custom brings forth a lot of conservative objection; and the suggestion to simplify our weights and measures system meets with the inevitable opposition. But the change must come.

Even if Great Britain continues to use the old, cumbrous methods, Australia cannot continue for long to hold out against the pressure of circumstances. All our largest customers for raw products use the metric system, and sooner or later we must adopt it to facilitate business. Recently the committee of buyers and sellers controlling the Sydney wool trade decided that the use of cwts, qrs, and lb is unnecessary, and must cease, and after June 30 next all wool is to be weighed and invoiced in lb only. This is really only a first step in the direction of discarding the old system; the rest must follow.

Meantime, why continue to impose upon our children the enormous waste of time and effort involved in memorising the complicated tables which constitute our present fantastic array of weights and measures?

### AN OPPONENT OF REFORM.

Mr. J. W. Evans again replies to "Canley Vale," but his letter is too lengthy to publish in full in this column. He opens as follows:—

"Canley Vale" adopts characteristic metric methods in his reply of the 15th. He recites certain measures and weights, then adds: "Whether these weights and measures are legal standards matters not; they are in general and everyday commercial use," a clearcut statement, which I challenge him to prove by producing any American pints, Winchester gallons, or any of the four different bushels, or any such weight as ounce or pound other than the troy, which is used for precious goods in like manner to the carat, in all metric countries, France included. The central ton does not exist, but goods are sold at 2000lb as like any other quantity by any multiple of the "standard pound," from which all other weights are derived. The troy pound is illegal in England, and subject to a penalty of £20 for having it in possession. Neither in England or this country are liquids sold by other than Imperial measure.

### Proceeding, Mr. Evans says:—

The call is upon "Canley Vale" to demonstrate the simplicity of his splendid "litre," cube it, and "there you are," but let him proportionately halve and quarter it, as we can our measures by a simple gauge: if his heart fail him, then take five bales of wool, cwts, qrs, and lb, or, by decimals, lb and os, and then kilos and grammes, and show the simplicity of it by memorising or adding. Our people know that our system has grown up and adapted itself to our natural train of thought and even to our physical natures, and in all our records and history are marked. Even the 24th gauge has an influence which no other can replace.

### LOCAL WOOL SALES.

At the mid-week sales four brokers submitted catalogues, the total offerings amounting to 3925 bales. Buyers were in usual attendance, and bidding was keen and general. No material difference was noted in the market, which remained firm at late rates. The highest prices obtained for greasy and scoured were 12½d and 25d respectively.

### QUARTERLY BANK ABSTRACTS.

The following are particulars of the average liabilities and assets of the undermentioned bank for the quarter ended March 31, the corresponding figures for the previous quarter being given in parentheses:—

Bank of New South Wales.—Note circulation, £843,180 (£810,465); deposits not bearing interest, £6,392,096 (£5,517,383); do. deposits bearing interest, £26,305,092 (£8,312,424); coin and bullion, £2,866,538 (£2,279,240); advances, £10,479,525 (£10,722,060).

### CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE.

The annual general meeting of the China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, was held at Hongkong on Saturday last. It was decided out of the balance of working account on December 31, 1906, viz., 933,412dols. (say £93,341), to pay an interim dividend of 3dols. per share out of interest, absorbing 72,000dols., a bonus of 20 per cent. to contributors, absorbing about 125,000dols., and to carry forward the balance, about 736,412 dols. to the current year's account.

### PERMEWAN, WRIGHT, AND CO., LTD.

The 23rd annual report of the above carrying and forwarding company of Melbourne, Sydney, etc., for the 12 months ended January 31, 1907, shows that the net profit of the year's transactions was £5361, and this result was achieved after spending £3563 on repairs to plant, besides writing off £422 for bad debts. After deducting the amount at debit of profit and loss at the commencement of the year, viz., £5565, a credit balance of £98 remained. The directors announce that the figures are the most satisfactory that have been presented for several years. It might be mentioned that during the last 10 years the dividends paid were:—10 per cent. in 1897, '98, and '99; 9 per cent. in 1900; 8 per cent. in 1901, '02, and '03; 3 per cent. in 1904; and no dividend in 1905 and 1906. The capital paid up is £62,500.

### THE BIG 1909 CONGRESS.

Although the Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire will not meet in Sydney until 1909, already preliminary details for the reception and entertainment of the large and representative gathering which is to assemble here are being arranged. To enable the delegates to see as much of the Commonwealth as possible in the limited time at their disposal means that the plans will have to be carefully developed, particularly as each State will be responsible for its own arrangements in the way of entertaining the distinguished visitors. Sydney is expected to be the first port reached by the delegates, and they will probably spend nine or ten days in New South Wales, three or four of which will doubtless be taken up with the congress. A programme mapped out by Mr. Mitchell, secretary of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, was informally discussed at the last meeting of the council, and further consideration deferred. The feeling of members was, however, that as Sydney had been honoured and recognised as a fit and proper place to hold such an important convention, every step should be taken to give the delegates a true Australian welcome.

### THE UNIVERSITY AND COMMERCE.

The Chamber of Commerce has received a letter from the University of Sydney intimating that the Senate has definitely decided to hold examinations for junior commercial certificates, and that the first will take place in June. The first senior commercial examination will not be held, however, until November, 1908.

## LONDON FINANCIAL CABLES.

### AUSTRALIAN DEBENTURE STOCKS, ETC.

LONDON, April 16.

Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company 4 per cent. debenture stocks, ½ lower at 101.

Queensland Investment and Land Mortgage Company 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 88*.

City of Sydney 4 per cent. debentures (1912-13), unchanged at 101.

Daigety and Company, Limited, unchanged at 6½.

Daigety and Company, Limited, 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 101.

Metropolitan Gas Company (Melbourne), 4½ per cent., unchanged at 101.

Union Mortgage and Agency Company of Australia, Limited, 4½ per cent. debenture stock, unchanged at 61.

Australian and New Zealand Mortgage Company, 4½ per cent. debentures, ½ lower at 94.

*Ex dividend.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The prices' level for March was, according to the Bureau of Statistics, slightly higher than in February, and considerably higher than in March of last year. The index number for pastoral produce was 1446, for metals 1593—a slight falling off, and for all articles 1386.

The imports of apparel and softgoods into New South Wales for the first three months of the year were valued at £1,306,464, as against £1,248,674 for the first quarter of 1906.

Machines and machinery imports in the first quarter of the year were valued at £337,212, as against £230,749 for the corresponding period last year.

Overseas exports during January, February, and March from the State were valued at £10,063,458, of which wool represented over half, viz., £5,572,274, as against £3,558,952 for the first quarter of 1906.

The value of the wheat exported was £696,667, butter £443,875, copper £420,510, lead £350,211, tin £192,434, silver bullion £113,966, ores £256,220, and coal £235,112.

The Commonwealth "Bulletin" of statistics for the month of February is to hand.

# COMMERCIAL.

Another quiet and uneventful day was experienced in the import markets yesterday. An improved inquiry was noted for fencing wire and netting. With three auctions listed for to-day, tea buyers were purchasing sparingly. Groceries met with an average distributing demand at well maintained rates. Oils had fair attention at unaltered rates. The jute market was productive of only a limited turnover, and with the exception of orebags, which advanced a little, quotations remained as on the previous day. The wheat market was firmer, and flour, though unaltered in price, was inclined to move in sympathy with wheat.

### INDIAN AND CEYLON TEA PROSPECTS.

Messrs. George White and Co. (London), in their annual Indian, Ceylon, and Java tea report for the past season state that after many years of disappointment the long-looked-for improvement in the position of the industry had been established. The feature of the market throughout had been the consistent demand for the better qualities for home consumption and the relatively high level maintained even after the great appreciation in value of the common grades which took place since the turn of the year. The average price obtained for India teas last season was 8d, as against 7¾d in 1905-6, for Ceylon 7¾d as against 7¼d, and for Java 6¾d as against 6¼d. It was not expected that the coming crop could be moved on the present level of value, especially that for common tea, but the probabilities, Messrs. White thought, were all in favour of a higher average price throughout the new season, and results should be proportionately favourable as compared with the season just closing, when the greater portion of the crop was disposed of before the rise took place. It was not likely, in view of the difficulty of procuring labour, that any great expansion in the cultivated area would take place, and no doubt planters had learnt from past experience the wisdom of continuing their efforts to improve the quality of their teas.

### IRON AND STEEL DEMAND.

The London "Ironmonger" of March 16, referring to the strong colonial inquiries for iron and steel, states that as regards Australia, "it is well-nigh a decade since the demand for iron and steel goods from that continent was as promising as it is now. All the States of the Commonwealth, as well as the colony of New Zealand, are purchasing liberally of Scotch pig iron, malleable-iron bars, steel bars, hoops, fencing material, black sheets, and light foundry goods. The available space by sailers and steamers is being quickly taken up, and the shipments already assured are heavy."

### BREADSTUFFS.

The wheat market continued very firm, holders in nearly all instances asking 8s 3d per bushel, and very little was obtainable under this price. A sale of a fair parcel was reported to have been negotiated at 8s 2½d. Shippers remained out of the market, not being able to give more than 8s 1½d, which, on the present rate of freights and London values, represented their top limit for buying. Messrs. John Darling and Son, in their Adelaide report, dated Monday, say:—"Owing to reported damage to American crops, the European markets have firmed, and a slight advance has taken place. Sales during the week, April May bills of lading, have been effected at 30s 3d to 30s 6d per 480lb, c.i.f., and further cargoes are offered at 30s 9d, but buyers at present do not seem disposed to exceed 30s 6d. The tone of the market is, however, firm."

Flour met with fair inquiry, though further export orders were unfortunately passed to Melbourne owing to local prices being too high. The market was, if anything, inclined to be firmer, reflecting the improvement in wheat values. City brands were quoted at £7 10s, and inland makes at £7 5s per ton.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 946 bags wheat and 101 tons flour were manifested to arrive.

The European and Other Crops.—"Beerbohm's" of March 9 reports regarding the growing crops:—"In France the weather has favoured spring sowing operations, which, although still in arrear, have made good progress. With regard to the condition of the autumn-sown crop, the reports are somewhat conflicting, but on the whole more favourable. In Germany the outlook for the most important cereal, regarding the autumn-sown crops in several important districts, but it is too early to form a really reliable opinion. In Austria-Hungary comparatively mild, seasonable weather has been experienced, and the opinions expressed with regard to the growing wheat and rye crops are mostly favourable as a whole. In Italy the outlook for the wheat crop remains favourable, but in Spain the prospects have been impaired by unfavourable weather, and our Barcelona correspondent writes that rather serious damage to the crops is feared. From Roumania favourable accounts regarding the crops are received. In Russia the crop conditions are rather irregular; our Odessa correspondent reports that in Bessarabia the outlook was unsatisfactory, and there are also complaints from parts of the East. In America, according to this week's cables, the winter wheat crop is decidedly backward, notably in Ohio. From India the cables received this week have been decidedly less favourable; to-day's cable reports hail in the Calcutta districts, and unsettled conditions in Bombay, whilst yesterday's cables reported rust in the United Provinces, and ball-storms in the Lahore districts. It is quite probable, therefore, that the indications of the second official report, and which points to a total crop of about 9,250,000 tons, against 8,500,000 tons last year and 7,500,000 tons in 1905, may have to be modified in the final report. Bad weather and floods are reported to have been so serious that the winter sowings in many districts have been completely destroyed."

## GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Tea.—Small samples which came forward from Colombo were opened yesterday, and were found to be indifferent in quality, with prices relatively high. The advance referred to on the shortage of such supplies as could be sold at under 9d per lb. The sales reported included 50 packages Ceylons at 9d, 50 packages Indians at 10d, and 100 Ceylons at 11½d.

Tea Auctions.—Three auctions are announced for to-day at noon. Fraser, Limited, and Co., Limited, will offer at the City Mart, under instructions from the importers (Thurman, Fraser, Ramsay Proprietary, Limited), 350 packages Ceylon teas, ex Victoria and York. Messrs. H. H. Dyer and Co. will offer, under instructions from Daigety and Co., Limited, 200 packages Margaret-street, 232 packages Indian (final invoice of the season), and 286 Ceylons, ex last arrivals. Messrs. A. Harvey and Co. will offer at the same place, under instructions from Messrs. C. Healy and Co., 300 packages Ceylons as advertised.

Groceries.—Distributing business was fairly active, currants selling at 5d to 5½d, while Mildura sultanas had attention at 6½d to 7d, according to grade. Sales of 12cs were reported at 3½d to 4d. Tasmanian evaporated apples sold at 6½d to 7d in bulk, and at 7d advance in 1lb packets. The demand for fish was quiet, Scroll salmon met with a little inquiry at 9s to 9s 3d for talls, and 8s 10d for flats. The directors of John Moir and Son, Ltd., in their annual report, say that the prejudice against tinned meats created by the Chicago scare caused the company's trade to suffer very severely, sales falling off to the extent of many thousands of pounds. Fortunately the company was lucky enough to make up for this loss in other ways, for the gross profit shows a slight improvement from £21,000 to £22,800, and the net revenue from £1500 to £2800. A much less sum, however, has been realised. Useful greasies from New South Wales have touched 14d, and scoured from the same area 2s, which was by no means of the first order. Fine crossbred greasy obtained 15d. There is practically a clearance effected each day, rare exceptions being secondhand lots too highly limited. The demand is wide, most users being present to renew almost depleted stocks of the raw material. It is very evident that the 168,000 bales available will not much more than go round, so that it may be anticipated that competition will not lag. Most terminal markets are active. "Top" makers and spinners being fully employed, woollen and worsted cloth and flannel manufacturers are fairly well off for orders, with very little machinery idle. With a further rise in London makers naturally complain of small margins of profit; that there is a margin none can deny, and except on old contracts it is easier to get more money than it was, although, of course, there are some to be found who will give anything away.

The trade is established on a sound basis. The advances in the raw material to its present level have been gradual, and fairly moderate and almost continuous, so that the trade has been well informed what has been taking place, and has generally made preparations for it. Inflated prices obtain on account of some alarm or of something which may, but seldom does, happen when even lemons of 1900 are forgotten or not chronicled in young upcoming heads.

The country's trade as a whole, as also that of most foreign nations, appears to be healthy, although at the moment the money and speculative markets are a little upset; but that will soon pass, and people will be surprised why it all happened. Appended are particulars of some leading New South Wales brands sold and prices realised during the week:—Pubbo, greasy super combing 1s 1d, greasy 1st combing 1s, greasy 2nd combing 11d, greasy clothing 11d, greasy broken combing 11½d, greasy neck pieces 11½d, 10½d, greasy A neck pieces 10d, greasy 1st lambs 11d, greasy 2nd lambs 9d; Dungalear, greasy super combing 1s 2d, greasy 1st combing 1s, 11½d, 11d, greasy 2nd combing 11d, greasy 1st clothing 10½d, greasy super lambs 11½d, greasy 1st lambs 10d; GRLY, greasy 1st combing 1s 2d, 1s 1d, 1s 0½d, 1s, greasy 2nd combing 1s 1d, 1s 0½d, greasy broken 11½d, greasy necks 1s, greasy 1st lambs 11d, greasy 2nd lambs 10½d; R. R. Dawes and Co. over Yandama, scoured 1st combing 1s 11½d, scoured 2nd combing 1s 10½d, scoured clothing 1s 10½d, 1s 10d, scoured backs 1s 10½d, scoured 1st pieces 1s 11d, 1s 10½; Edghill, greasy 1st combing 1s 1½d, greasy 2nd combing 1s 0½d, greasy 3rd combing 11½d, greasy clothing 11½d, greasy 1st pieces 1s 0½d, greasy 2nd pieces 11d, greasy 1st lambs 10½d; Murrulebale over Star over GMeD, greasy A combing 1s 0½d, greasy 1st combing 1s 0½d, greasy 2nd combing 11½d, greasy clothing 11½d, greasy necks 1s 0½d, greasy broken 11½d, greasy 1st pieces 10½d.

## LONDON MARKET CABLES.

### SILVER.

LONDON, April 16.

Bar silver is quoted to-day 2s 6 1-16d per ounce standard.

### WHEAT AFLOAT.

Shipments of wheat afloat to-day, a week ago, and a year ago, compare:—

| | A year ago. Qrs. | A week ago. Qrs. | To-day. Qrs. |
|---|---|---|---|
| For United Kingdom .. | 4,065,000 | 2,955,000 | 3,360,000 |
| For Continent ..... | 1,070,000 | 2,160,000 | 2,155,000 |
| Total ..... | 6,035,000 | 6,035,000 | 6,035,909 |

### AMERICAN WHEAT SHIPMENTS.

The wheat and flour shipped from the Atlantic coast of America during the past week aggregated 74,000qrs., against 122,000qrs. a week ago, and 126,000qrs. during the corresponding week of last year. The Pacific shipments were 14,000qrs., as against 28,000qrs. a week ago, and nil a year ago.

### METALS FIRMER.

LONDON, April 17.

Closing quotations were:—

Copper.—On spot, b £96 15s, s £97, a rise of £2 5s per ton; three months, b £96 15s, s £97, a rise of £2.

Tin.—On spot, b £185 10s, s £186, an advance of £1; three months, b £183 15s, s £184 5s, also an advance of £1.

Lead, soft foreign, is a shade stronger at £19 17s 6d to £20 per ton.

## INTERSTATE MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Wheat to-day was rather less active. Several thousand bags sold at 2s 2d, with advances quoted for larger parcels for forward delivery. Flour was £7 5s; bran, up to 11d; pollard, 9½d; malting barley, firm, 2s 9d to 4s 0d; 600 bags sold at 2s 9d to 4s 7½d; Cape barley steady, 2s to 2s 4½d; Algerian oats were steady, milling 2s 0½d to 2s 1d, feed 1s 11d to 2s; seed, 2s 1½d to 2s 3d. Maize was rather quiet; a moderate parcel sold at 3s 7½d. Peas were firmer at 3s 6d to 3s 9½d. Prime chaff was steady, 60s to 62s 6d. Potatoes were steady; prime Gippsland, to 55s; choice, to 50s; Warrnambool reds up to 52s 6d; Pinkeye, to 42s 6d. Onions were quiet, 47s 6d to 50s.

Butter further advanced a halfpenny; choice Western, in 0lb to 3s 1d; other prime to choice, 11d to 11½d, occasionally to 1s; medium to good, 10d to 10½d. A few hundred boxes of Sydney butter were placed on this market. Eggs were weaker at 1s 1d to 1s 4d.

Two hundred tons of Fairymead sugar sold. 300 packages Ceylon tea sold up to 1s 1d; 10 tons of Nilgiri coffee sold to arrive at an advance. Moderate business was done in Mildura fruits. 50 cases of Continental oysters sold. Cornsacks, on spot, were up to 7s 7½d. Brandbags, 5s 8½d to 5s 9d. Woolpacks were quiet, 2s 9d on spot, 2s 11

# MINING INTELLIGENCE.

## THE SHARE MARKET.

Taken full and bye, the market yesterday morning evinced a slightly easier feeling, though prices in some cases only dropped a fraction. This was in face of the fact that copper had advanced from £94 to £96 7s 6d per ton, whilst private cables stated that the London Stock Exchange on Tuesday closed with an improved feeling for Australian silver and copper stocks. Both of these circumstances were not generally known locally, otherwise it is believed that the market would have held steady.

The amount of business transacted was small, as sellers did not feel inclined to dispose of large parcels in an easy market, hence the market cannot be regarded as inherently weak. It is only so when there are mo e sellers than buyers, and it is impossible to do business except at buyers' terms. That certainly was not the case. The sale of 50 or 100 shares at a reduced rate is not to be regarded as an all-round weakness on the part of holders of that particular scrip.

Copper stocks claimed most attention. Mount Cannindah were operated in at 5s 6d and 5s 7d, equal to Tuesday's rate; Budgery Mines (paid) at 9s (unchanged), Mount Morgans at 86s 6d, an increase of 6d; Mount Molloys at 23s 3d (unchanged), and O.K.s at 10s 7½d and 11s 1d, an increase of 2½d. There were inquiries for Chillagoes, Hampdens, M'Gregors, Munganas, Queen Bee, Crowl Creek-Shuttleton, and Wallaroo and Moonta, but in each case sellers declined to make the concessions demanded by buyers. Lloyd Copper showed a slight weakness.

A very limited business was done in silver shares. Sulphide Corporation (ord.) eased from 18s 9d to 18s 6d, B.H. Junction North from 36s 7½d to 36s 6d, and B.H. South Blocks from 38s 3d to 37s 7½d. It is only right to state that very few shares changed hands. The quotations for the other high-priced Barrier shares were too wide to permit of business being done. In other words, sellers, though quoting in some instances below the last preceding sale, declined to make a close market on weak offers.

In tin shares, business was confined to Dalziell's Tin at 7s 6d, and Gilmore Tin at 7s 4d, the latter being a decrease of 2d. In gold mines a few shares changed hands in No. 1 North Columbia at 2s 2d; Mount David at 9d, Harden West (paid) at 3s and 2s 11d; and Harden Gold Mines at 36s, a decline of 2s.

Extreme quietness prevailed during the afternoon, with a small business record and a few variations in values. In the copper section, O.K.'s improved from 11s 1d to 11s 3d; Mount Morgans eased from 86s 6d to 86s 3d. Mount Cannindahs receded 1d. "Lloyd" Copper had weak sales at 15s 3d, whilst Crowl Creek-Shuttleton (paid) were supported at 7s 10d. In silver shares, B.H. Junction North closed with sales at 36s 6d. Gold shares were represented by a small business in New Hillgroves, Ruby, and No. 2 South Great Eastern at satisfactory rates, but interests were neglected, with the exception of a sale of Gilmore Tin at 7s 3d.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

| COPPER. | Buyers. £ s d | Sellers. £ s d |
|---|---|---|
| Bogan River | — | 6 7 6 |
| Ditto, contributing | — | 0 7 5 |
| Budgery North | — | 0 1 3 |
| Ditto, contributing | — | 0 0 6 |
| Chillagoe | 0 9 6 | 0 9 6 |
| Girilambone Mining | 0 2 0 | 0 2 5 |
| Glassford Creek | 0 2 10 | — |
| Hampden-Cloncurry, paid | 0 15 0 | 0 16 6 |
| M'Gregor-Cloncurry, paid | 0 7 0 | 0 8 0 |
| Mount Boppy, paid | 0 2 9 | — |
| Ditto, contributing | — | 0 2 6 |
| Mount Cannindah | 0 5 5 | 0 5 7 |
| Mount Hector, contributing | — | 2 6 0 |
| Mount Hope (Cloncurry) contributing | — | 0 4 6 |
| Mount Molloy | 1 3 6 | 1 3 9 |
| Mungana (Chillagoe) | 0 13 6 | 0 14 0 |
| North Nymagee | — | 0 2 6 |
| O. K. | 0 11 1 | 0 11 6 |
| Queen Bee | 1 6 6 | 1 9 0 |
| Ditto, South, paid | — | 0 1 6 |
| Ditto, South, contributing | — | 0 0 6 |
| Tasmanian Copper, paid | — | 0 15 0 |
| Wallaroo and Moonta | 5 4 0 | 5 7 0 |
| Crowl Creek Shuttleton, paid | 0 7 8 | — |
| Ditto, contributing | — | 0 7 0 |
| TIN. | | |
| Dalziell's Tin Mines | 0 7 5 | 0 7 9 |
| Gilmore | 0 7 3 | 0 7 6 |
| Yulnan | 0 8 4 | 0 8 6 |
| SILVER. | | |
| New South Wales, etc. | | |
| British Broken Hill | — | 2 0 0 |
| Broken Hill Proprietary | 4 11 0 | 4 14 0 |
| Ditto, Block 10 | 5 2 6 | 5 7 6 |
| Ditto, Block 14 | 1 4 0 | 1 5 6 |
| Ditto, preference | 1 2 0 | — |
| B.H. Junction | 0 7 0 | 0 7 3 |
| B.H. Junction North | 1 16 3 | 1 17 0 |
| B.H. North | 7 12 0 | 7 15 0 |
| B.H. South | 7 12 0 | 7 17 0 |
| B.H. South, contributing | 7 6 0 | 7 8 0 |
| B.H. South Blocks | 1 16 6 | 1 19 0 |
| New White Leads | 0 1 1 | 0 1 5 |
| New Moon | 0 2 2 | — |
| Rising Sun | 0 0 4 | — |
| Sulphide Corporation (ordinary) | 0 18 3 | 0 18 6 |
| GOLD. | | |
| New South Wales, etc. | | |
| Arahura Sheet | 0 7 4 | 0 7 6 |
| Baker's Creek | — | 0 5 6 |
| Darden | 1 14 0 | 1 16 0 |
| Mount David | 0 0 8 | 0 0 10 |
| New Hillgrove Proprietary | 0 9 9 | 0 10 3 |
| Occidental | 0 9 12 | 0 10 0 |
| Sunlight | — | 0 1 6 |
| Dredging and Sluicing. | | |
| Amalgamated Tin | 0 7 0 | 0 7 3 |
| Associated Gold Dredging | 0 5 4 | 0 5 6 |
| Cope's Creek | — | 0 6 6 |
| New Wylie Creek | — | 0 0 6 |
| Reform Tin (paid) | — | 0 0 6 |
| Tingha Tin | 0 8 3 | 0 9 0 |
| Tyron River | 0 8 6 | 0 9 0 |
| Union | 0 4 0 | — |
| Tasmania. | | |
| Austral Valley | — | 0 5 2 |
| Queensland— | | |
| Charters Towers, etc. | | |
| Bonnie Dundee, contributing | — | 0 1 0 |
| Brilliant Central | 0 7 0 | 0 8 0 |
| Brilliant Extended | 0 9 0 | 0 10 0 |
| Mount Morgan | 4 6 0 | 4 6 6 |
| Queen Cross Reef | 0 3 4 | 0 3 6 |
| Ruby | 0 2 6 | — |
| Victory | 0 1 2 | 0 2 1 |
| Gympie. | | |
| North Columbia and Smithfield, No. 1 | 0 2 2 | 0 2 5 |
| Ditto, No. 2 | 0 11 6 | 0 13 6 |
| North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1 | — | 0 2 6 |
| North Smithfield | — | 0 2 6 |
| North Smithfield No. 2 | — | 0 2 6 |
| Oriental and Glanmire | 0 3 9 | 0 4 0 |
| South Glanmire and Monkland | 0 5 6 | 0 7 6 |
| South Great Eastern, No. 2 | 0 3 6 | 0 5 0 |
| Western Australia. | | |
| Claffer's | 0 0 7 | 0 0 10 |
| Great Boulder | — | 1 4 6 |
| Oroya-Brown Hill | 1 10 0 | 2 0 0 |
| Queensland Menzies | 0 1 9 | 0 2 0 |
| Queen Margaret | 0 2 0 | 0 2 6 |

## STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

### MORNING.

Copper.—Mount Cannindah, 5s 6d, 5s 7d; Budgery Mines, paid, 9s; Mount Morgan, 86s 6d; Mount Molloy, 23s 3d; O.K. Copper, 10s 11d, 11s 1d, terms one month, 11s 2d.

Silver.—Sulphide Corporation, 18s 6d; B.H. Junction North, 36s 7½d, 36s 6d; B.H. South Blocks, 37s 7½d.

Tin.—Dalziell's Tin, 7s 6d; Gilmore Tin, 7s 4d.

Gold.—No. 1 N. Columbia, 2s 2d; Mount David, 9d; Harden West, paid, 3s, 2s 11d; Harden Gold Mines, 36s.

### AFTERNOON.

Copper: Mount Molloy, terms six weeks, 23s 10½d; O.K. Copper, 11s 1d; Lloyd Copper, 15s 6d; Mount Morgan, 86s 6d, 86s 3d; Wallaroo and Moonta, terms two weeks, £5 5s; Mount Cannindah, 5s 6d; Crowl Creek-Shuttleton (paid), 7s 10d.

Gold: No. 2 South Great Eastern, 4s; New Hillgrove, 10s; Ruby (paid), 3s 7d.

Silver: B.H. Junction North, 36s 6d.

Tin: Gilmore Tin, 7s 3d.

## MINING NOTES.

The Mount Lyell Company has consigned 3864 tons of blister copper for the past half-year, and 149 tons for the current half-year.

Assays made of the reef just struck in the Harden West mine gave a return of 6dwt of gold per ton. Driving on the reef, both east and west is now being proceeded with.

The Brilliant Central mine (Charters Towers) reports having crushed 500 tons of stone, for a yield of 325oz of smelted gold. The concentrates realised £334.

The shaft of the C.S.A. Central has reached a depth of 223ft. The only change since last report is that the sandstone, with ore seams, improves in appearance with depth.

The output of the Great Cobar, Limited, for the four weeks ended April 7 was 13,450 tons of ore for 1022 tons of matte, containing 390 tons of copper, 1200oz of gold, and 630oz of silver.

Everything has worked satisfactorily since the Cope's Creek Dredging Company resumed sluicing on Tuesday. The paddock has been cleaned up, and six tons of ore will be despatched. The manager will shift the barge to a new site during next week.

It is announced elsewhere in this issue that the shareholders in the Stannary Hills Mines and Tramway Company may inspect a copy of Dr. Jack's geological report on the mines at the office of Mr. R. N. Kirk, 16 O'Connell-street.

A telegram sent on April 12 from Herberton by the manager of the North Queensland Tin Mining Corporation, Limited, and received the same day by the company's secretary in Adelaide, states:—"Bradlaugh mine: Drive looking promising, shoot 8in wide, full height of drive, 10 per cent."

It is also learned from Mr. R. N. Kirk, Sydney agent of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, that owing to a mutilation of a cable the buying quotation for the company's shares in London, published in yesterday's issue as being £4 9s, was incorrect. It should have been £4 12s 6d.

A crosscut has been started by the Austral Valley Silver-lead Company (Tas.) at the 300ft level, to reach the main lode. Nothing of any note has been struck as yet, as the result of the exploratory work at the 200ft and 140ft levels. A trial parcel of three tons of ore is being sent to the smelters from the Austral tribute.

Having completed the chamber at the 303ft level of the C.S.A. North mine, sinking has been resumed. At the end of the west crosscut, at the 303ft level, the country is seams of slate and sandstone, but shows more copper stains than have been met with in any other part at that level. It also shows thin splashes of metallic copper which have not been met with in No. 19 before.

The smelting operations of the Wallaroo and Moonta mines for the fortnight ended April 6 show as follows:—"Ore received from Wallaroo mines, 1610 tons of 9¼ per cent.; from Moonta mines, 429 tons of 13 per cent.; precipitate, 27 tons of 82 per cent. Outside ores and matte received, 116 tons. Ore smelted, 2909 tons. Three refinery furnaces produced 388 tons of copper. Bluestone made, 12 tons. Sulphuric acid delivered, 207 tons."

The smelting operations of the Girilambone Company last week embraced the treatment of 65 tons 5cwt of ore and fluxes, for 9 tons 17cwt of matte; also the roasting of 25 tons of matte and 8 tons 2cwt of cement copper, for 142 tons of rough copper. It is expected that 25 tons of ingot copper will be despatched at the end of the week. Firewood is coming in freely, and the stock is accumulating. There is no change to report in the various underground workings.

A new winze, to be known as No. 1, has been started from the No. 1 level of the Mount David mine. It is down 2ft on good quality stone. A stope is being carried in on 2ft of stone at the back of the north-west drive from the same level. The stone in the face of south-east drive from the winze at the No. 2 level is only broken. As not much water has been met with, the manager is certain that the reef proper has not been met with, as the reef in the winze from No. 1 level is very wet. The cyanide plant is running full time, and the boxes are looking very satisfactory.

The weekly report of the Chillagoe Company states:—Penzance, open cut, shipping ore; Morrison, shipping ore; 180ft level, west drive, in 145ft, ore showing in the face; north drive in 112ft in sulphides; new shaft cistern completed; depth of shaft 186ft. Zillmanton, shipping ore; 350ft level extended 11ft eastwards; stoping and repairing winze; new shaft, sinking resumed. Ruddigore, shipping ore. Otho, prospecting shaft sunk 5ft; total 20ft; 7 tons of ore produced. Boomerang and Mount Lucy, shipping ironstone.

In the office shaft of the Wallaroo Mines, the value of the lode carried in the 305ft drive is 7 tons of 10 per cent. ore per lineal fathom. In the stopes at the 285ft level, the lode averages 11ft wide, and is worth 5 per cent. In a stope at 100ft in the Warmington shaft (Moonta mines), the lode is 12ft wide, and worth 4¾ per cent. of copper. At the back of the 115 south, the lode varies from 6ft to 9ft wide, and is valued at about 4 tons of 14 per cent. ore per lineal fathom. In Trener's shaft, the face of the 80ft south drive is producing 4½ tons of 15 per cent. ore per lineal fathom.

The lode in the bottom of the Kerry shaft (Burragorang Silver Mining Company) at 512ft is 10in thick in two layers. The top one contains splashes of galena and metallic silver, whilst the bottom one is composed of quartz carrying a little ore in specs and splashes. In the No. 3 east levels the lode is 5in wide on the top side, and 10in on the lower; whilst in the stope it ranges from 4in to 20in. For the week 17 tons of ore were raised, equal, when graded, to 9 tons of marketable ore. The tunnel plat is cut, that sheet laid, and preparations made to unwater the shaft.

It is learned from the report of the manager of the Mount Molloy Copper mine for the fortnight ended April 1, that the ore in the 370ft level, north drive, now in 149ft, has varied from 14in to 30in in width, and is of fair quality. Fair grade silicious ore is showing in the rise from the 570ft level, to connect with No. 1 winze, whilst No. 2 winze from the 270ft level is in good ore at a depth of 58ft. Ore is being broken for the smelter from underhand stopes at No. 2 level, and from 270ft level; flux sulphides from the north end of 270ft level. As already announced by telegram, 475 tons of ore and 212 tons of flux sulphides, together with a quantity of by-products, yielded 43 tons of blister copper.

### CROWL CREEK-SHUTTLETON COPPER MINE.

Development work in the above mine during the past fortnight indicates improved prospects in both sections of the recently amalgamated properties. In the Crowl Creek section, the north drive on the ore channel at the 630ft level is now in 162ft. She started with very poor values, and has improved to 2.8 per cent. ore. The drive is the longest one north on the ore channel in the Crowl Creek mine. The improvement indicates the entrance upon an improved ore lease. The stopes over the level are producing fair grade ore, with seams of high grade sulphide on footwall. The 730ft level west crosscut is out 41ft 6in in the reef, with no sign of the foot-wall. The face is in lode matter carrying small values.

The first 25ft of the crosscut averaged 4 per cent., and from 31ft to 34ft another bunch of ore gave a similar value. The crosscut has been stopped, in order to proceed with the sinking of the monkey shaft from 730ft to 830ft. This shaft is in the lode, and as the reef is going down vertically, the sinking will prove the ore body another 100ft. No. 1 north drive on the hanging-wall of the lode at 730ft is in 5ft in 10 per cent. ore.

In the Shuttleton section, the 445ft level south drive is in 69ft, and the face still showing good ore for a width of 15ft. At Reilly shaft, a crosscut is east at 168ft. So far it has exposed 19ft of ore channel, worth 1 per cent. The crosscut will be continued till the hanging wall is met with. For the past fortnight 12.6 tons of rough copper were produced and 5.5 tons of matte made. The machinery for the concentration plant is coming to hand, and being put into position.

### MINING IN THE STATE.

#### GOULBURN, Wednesday.

Messrs. W. H. Bladwell, R. A. Beegling, A. H. Tine, H. J. Bell, and W. Gale have been elected directors of the Bredbo Copper, Silver, and Lead Mining Company, No Liability, with Mr. J. Norman Hay as legal manager. The manager's report shows that the main working shaft has been put down 60ft, and a road has been made to Bredbo railway station, four miles from the mine. The lode at 60ft shows about 3ft in width, and it is intended to drive to obtain a shipment of ore for the smelters, and get bulk results. A silver lode adjacent to the copper lode is being developed. Assays from the lodes gave results of 10 to 15 per cent. copper, 40 to 64 per cent. of lead, and 4oz to 18oz of silver per ton.

#### LEADVILLE, Wednesday.

Messrs. Lant Brothers, of the Mount Hope copper mine, have received the returns for the carbonates and sulphides which they recently sent to the Waratah smelting works for treatment. The parcel of carbonates, which amounted to 5 tons, gave a return of 12½ per cent. of copper; and the sulphides, which weighed 4½ tons, and was made up of two grades, returned—No. 1 15 per cent., and No. 2 7 per cent. of copper. There was also one ton of carbonates from another part of the mine, which gave a return of 10 per cent. The parcel of sulphides was taken from the 90ft level in the main shaft. Although the proprietors consider these returns very satisfactory, they are now making preparations to cut the lode at the 150ft level in the main shaft, where they anticipate to obtain much richer ore. They have hitherto been unable to work at a lower level than 90ft on account of water, and also for want of proper winding gear.

On No. 1 Block South—Messrs. Swinson's syndicate—the contractors have got the shaft down to 20ft, and the lode, which shows stains and carbonates in good quantity for the full width of the shaft, is improving as the shaft goes down.

On No. 3 Block South, recently secured by a Cobar syndicate from the original proprietor, costeening operations have been almost completed, and stains of copper have been discovered in different places. The proprietors are now making preparations to have a shaft put down. This lode has now been traced a distance of over 1½ mile through five different blocks.

### TIN INDUSTRY.

#### MARCH YIELD WORTH £24,000.

#### INVERELL, Wednesday.

Last month 199 tons of tin ore were sent away from the Inverell railway station. This represents a value of £24,000.

### BROKEN HILL NORTH MINE.

#### GOOD MILLING WORK.

#### BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The mill at the North Broken Hill Company last week did specially good work. The despatches for the period were 493 tons concentrates, leaving 660 tons in the bins. The south mullock pass, below the 300ft level, went through 6ft of sulphide ore. The south drive, 500ft level, was extended to 509ft, the face still being in mixed sulphides. This drive will be carried another 50ft, and a crosscut on ore body then started. The Victoria shaft is being put into working order.

### BRITISH BROKEN HILL MINE.

#### DIAMOND DRILL OPERATIONS.

#### BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The British mill last week did not do the work expected of it owing to a series of small breaks in the mill machinery. The usual grade ore was won from the various sections of the mine, and the despatch of carbonates from the Blackwood section has been resumed. The west crosscut at the 200ft level on Block 14 boundary remains in schist. The south drive, 300ft level, stopped at 206ft, still in ore, and stoping has been commenced to connect with the winze. The south drive, 400ft level, continues in average grade ore.

The bore, 500ft level, passed through 57ft of low-grade material, then entered country rock. Another 45ft or 50ft should see the 800ft east crosscut connect with the ore body. The 800ft level bore was stopped at 500ft in quartz, and a new bore started to the east. The new crosscut started in Howell's, at 600ft, should shortly meet the ore body workings in the big shaft. The 200ft and 300ft levels are both in sulphides, while carbonates are being broken from the 100ft level. Active development work is still proceeding in the Marsh section, while the Thompson section is producing steadily.

### INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

#### ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's quotations were:—Western Australian mines: Associated, colonial, 24s 6d, 24s 3d, b 24s, s 24s 3d; Perseverance, colonial, b 6s, s 6s 4d; Cumberland, 4s 1d, 4s 3d, b 4s 2d, s 4s 4d; Boulders, 24s 4½d, b 24s, s 24s 4½d; Golden Ridge, 13s; No. 2 Creek, b 27s, s 32s; Oroya, b 33s, s 33s 9d; Princess, paid, 2s 10d, b 2s 8d, s 2s 9d; Margaret, 2s 6d, b 2s 3d, s 2s 4d; Menzies, 1s 11d, b 1s 9d, s 1s 10½; Victory, 3s 5d, 2s 7½d, b 2s 7d, s 2s 8d; ditto, conts, 3s 1d, b 3s 1d, s 3s 2d.

Various: Baker's, 5s 3½d, 5s 4d, b 5s 3d, s 5s 5d; Morgan, 87s, b 87s, s 90s.

Silver: Broken Hill, 92s 9d, 92s 3d, 92s 6d, b 92s 3d, s 92s 9d; Block 14, pref., colonial, b 23s 6d, s 24s 3d; ditto, ord., colonial, b 25s, s 26s; British, old, b 39s 1½d, s 39s 4½d; ditto, new, 38s 3d, 38s 9d, b 38s 9d, s 39s; Block 10, £5 5s, £5 4s 6d, b £5 4s 6d, s £5 5s 6d; Junction, 7s 2d, b 7s 2d, s 7s 3d; New White Lead, 4s 2d, 1s 1d, b 1s 1d, s 1s 3d; Southe, paid, b £7 14s 6d, s £7 16s; ditto, conts, £7 8s, £7 7s 6d, £7 8s, b £7 7s, s £7 8s; South Blocks, 38s, 37s 6d, 37s 3d, 37s 4½d, 37s 4½d, 37s 6d; Strathalbyn, b 40s, s £5; Junction North, 36s 10½d, b 36s 9d, s 36s 10½d; Sulphides, ord., b 18s 3d, s 18s 4½d.

Copper: Boolcunda, £9 10s, b £9 10s, s £10; Burra, paid, 5s 11d, b 5s 9d, s 5s 11d; Chillagoe, b 9s 11d, s 10s; ditto, conts, b 8s 11d, s 9s; Hamley, 8s, b 7s, s 8s; Cloncurry, 16s, 15s 9d, 16s 3d, b 16s 3d, s 16s 6d; Kapunda, conts, 2s 10½d, b 2s 8½d, s 3s 1d; MacGregor, b 7s 4d, s 7s 8d; Molloys, paid, 22s 6d, 23s 9d, b 23s 7½d, s 23s 10½d; Mungana, 13s 7½d, 13s 9d, 13s 7½d, 13s 9d, b 13s 7½d, s 13s 9d; Mutooroo, conts, b 8s 9d, s 7s; ditto, paid, 11s 6d; ditto North, £10 10s, b £10 10s, s £12; O.K., paid, 11s 3d, 11s 6d, 11s 7½d, b 11s 6d, s 11s 7½d; Obagooma, b £14, s £15 10s; Wallaroo, £5 5s, £5 4s 6d, b £5 4s 6d, s £5 5s 6d.

Tin: Dalziell, 7s 5d, b 7s 5d, s 7s 6d; Smith's Creek, 7s 1d, b 7s 1d, s 7s 2d; Stannary Hills, 5s 5d, 5s 6d, b 5s 6d, s 5s 7d; ditto debentures, by £15 10s.

### BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's quotations were:—Chillagoe (new), b 2s; ditto (conts.), 9s 3d, 9s 5d; conts., forward, 9s 4d, 9s 6d; Glassford Creek, 2s 11d, 3s 0½d; Gilmore Tin, 7s 3d; Mount Cannindah, 5s 7d, 5s 8d; Mount Hector (conts.), forward, 44s 6d, 45s 6d; Mount Merlin (conts.), s £8 10s; Mount Molloy, s 23s 9d; Mungana, 13s 6d, 14s; O.K., 11s, 11s 6d; Peak Downs (conts.), 56s, 58s; ditto (conts.), forward, b 56s; ditto (paid), b 57s; ditto (paid), forward, b 58s; Stannary Hills, b 5s 3d; South Mount Cannindah (conts.), s £6 10s.

Sales: Mount Cannindah, 5s 7½d.

### CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

To-day's quotations were:—

Bonnie Dundee, 8d, 9½d; B. St. George (paid), b 5s; B. Extended, 5s 9d, 6s 3d; ditto (paid), b 5s 3d; Carrington, 4s 6d, 4s 9d; Day Dawn, 1s 11d, 2s 4d; D.D. Gold Mines, 2s 6d, 3s; Mexican, 2s, 2s 6d; Alexandra, 3s, 3s 2d; ditto (paid), 3s 10d, 4s 2d; Kelly's, 3s 9d, 4s 1d; ditto (paid), s 4s 6d; Marshall's, 1s 7d, 1s 10d; ditto (paid), 2s 2d, 2s 6d; Mills, b 17s 3d; New B. Freehold, b 2s, 2s 2d; New Queen, 1s 5d, 1s 8d; Q. Cross, 3s 5d, 3s 6d; Ruby, 2s 2d, 2s 4d; ditto (paid), 4s, 4s 1d.

Sales: B. Extended, 5s 6d, 5s 9d; Carrington, 4s 6d; Alexandra, 3s 1d; Grant's, 6d; Kullamadau, 6½d, 7d; Mills, 17s 6d; New B. Freehold, 2s 1½d, 2s 2d; New Queen, 1s 6d; Stewart, 6s 5d; ditto (paid), 7s 6d; Q. Cross, 3s 6d; Q. Central Block, 1½d, 2d; Ruby, 3s 2d; ditto (paid), 4s; Talisman, 10½d to 9d; Victoria Queen, 1s 3d.

### GYMPIE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—No. 2 North Columbia, 12s.

Quotations: No. 1 N. Columbia, 2s 2d, 2s 5d; No. 2 N. Columbia, 11s 3d, 13s; Great Northern, 1s 11d, 2s 3d; Oriental and Glanmire, 3s 10d, 4s.

### LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

To-day's quotations were:—Mount Magnet, b 26s 6d; North Mount Farrell, b 22s 3d, s 24s 6d; Hercules, s 18s; Tasmania Copper, b 15s, s 15s 3d; Mount Bischoff, s £22 10s; Pioneer, b £8 15s, s £8 19s 6d; Wyniford, s 11d.

### MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Silver: Block 10, £5 2s, s £5 5s; Block 14, pref., b 23s; British Brokens, s 40s; Broken Hill, 92s, b 92s, s 92s 6d; Junction North, 36s 9d, 36s 10½d, b 36s 9d, s 36s 10½d; South Blocks, 37s, 37s 6d, 37s 3d, b 36s 9d, s 37s; New White Leads, 1s 3d, b 1s 1d, s 1s 2½d; North Broken, 7s 6d, b 7s, s 72s; Sulphide, b 17s, s 19s.

Gold and copper: Mt. Lyell, 46s 3d, 47s, 47s 6d, b 47s, s 47s 3d; Tasman and Crown Extended, 1s 4d, b 1s 3d, s 1s 7d; Chillagoe, 10s 2d, b 10s 2d; Hampden, 15s 6d, 16s 1d, b 16s 1d, s 16s 2d; MacGregor, 7s 5d, b 7s 5d, s 7s 6d; Mt. Cannindah, 5s 6d, b 5s 5d, s 5s 7d; Mt. Cuthbert, b 8s 6d; Mt. Elliott, 67s 3d, b 63s 6d, s 68s; Mt. Hope, 3s 1d, 2s 11d, 3s 1d, b 3s, s 3s 1d; ditto (paid), s 2s 6d; Mt. Molloy, 23s, s 23s 6d; Mungana, 13s 6d, 14s, b 14s, s 14s 1d; O.K. Copper, Adelaide register, 11s, b 11s 3d, 11s 6d, s 11s 9d.

Tin: Amalgamated Tin, b 7s; Bischoff, £22 10s, s £22 10s; Brissels, 12s 10d, b 12s 9d, s 13s; ditto Extended, s 17s; Cope's Creek Central, b 23s 6d; ditto pref., 24s 6d, 25s, b 24s 6d, s 25s; Gladstone, s £5; Melbourne Cope's Creek, b 13s 6d; ditto, paid, b 12s 6d; Great Mount Cameron, 12s 3d, s 12s 4d; Weldbrook, 30s, 32s, s 37s.

Victorian gold mines: Catherine Reef, 27s 9d, 28s 3d, b 28s, s 28s 6d; Chalks No. 3, 6s 11d, s 7s; Chiltern Valley Consols, 1s 1d, 1s 4d, b 1s 3d, s 1s 6d; Grenfine South, 3s 6d, 3s 3d, b 3s 6d, s 4s; Goldfields Consols, 12s 9d, b 12s 8d, s 12s 9d; Great Southern, b 33s; Hustler's Reef, b 17s 6d, s 18s; Long Tunnel, 85s, 84s, b 84s, s 85s; Main Reefs Extended, b 1s; New Chum Goldfields, 17s, b 17s, s 18s 3d; New Dempsey, 10s, b 9s 6d, s 10s 2d; New Loch Fyne, b 6s 6d, s 1s 9d; New Moon, s 90s; Nuggety Ajax, 16s 6d, b 16s, s 17s; Nuggety Ajax South, 5s, b 4s 10d; Old Jubilee, 2s 6d, b 2s 6d, s 2s 9d; Sailors' Falls, 6s 2d, b 6s, s 6s 2d; Sea, 9s 9d, b 7s 6d; Sir John Franklin, 1s, 1s 2d, b 1s 2d, s 1s 3d; ditto (paid), 1s, b 11½d, s 1s; South German, 24s 6d, 25s, 24s 9d, b 24s 9d, s 25s; South New Moon, 66s, b 65s; South Victoria Cornish, 1s 4d, b 1s 4d, s 1s 5d. Victor's Quartz, 2s 8d, 3s, b 2s 11d, s 3s.

W. A. gold mines: Barrambie Ranges, 16s, 16s 3d, b 16s 3d, s 16s 6d; Barrambie South, b 2s 3d; Black Range, b 2s 6d; Great Boulder, b 24s, s 24s 4½d; Havilah, b 23s; Mararoa, b 3s, s 4s 3d; Queen Margaret, b 2s, s 3s 6d. Tindals, b 1s 4d.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINES.

#### KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

On 6th inst the management of the Ivanhoe South Extended cabled the London office that a diamond drill borehole was being put from the shaft to the eastern boundary on the 2000 ft level. Since then a second cable has been despatched to the effect that two bodies of ore of a width of 5ft and 2ft respectively have been cut 58ft and 41ft distant from the boundary alluded to. A crosscut is now being driven to prove the extent of these two formations. The six shift a week arrangement brought into existence to meet the Sunday observance provisions of the Mines Act will come into force at the local mines from the 1st of next month. Opinions amongst workers affected by the alteration are not altogether favourable to its introduction, and to those who have become accustomed to working seven shifts a week the loss of 10s 6d in their weekly wages, due to the cutting out of one shift, will be severely felt.

### LONDON SHARE MARKET.

#### LONDON, April 17.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, b 91s 7d, s 91s 10d; British Broken Hill, b 36s 10d, s 36s 1d; Block 10, b £5 2s 6d, s £5 5s; North Broken Hill, £3 12s 6d, s £3 15s; South Broken Hill, b £7 22s 6d, s £7 15s; Mount Lyells, b £2 5s 6d, s £2 6s 6d; Great Fingall Consolidated, b 36s 3d, s 38s 9d.

Private cables state that amongst the stocks quoted by the London Stock Exchange on Tuesday were the following:—Mount Lyell, b 45s, s 47s; Mount Elliott, b 64s 4d; Hampden, b 16s; Broken Hill, 91s 10d; B.H. Block 10, £5 3s 9d; Zinc Corporation, b 15s 9d; B.H. North, b 72s 6d; Chillagoe, 9s 6d; Mungana, 13s 6d; Sulphide (ordinary), b 17s 6d.

Copper was quoted at £96 7s 6d, and tin at £185 5s.

## MINING DIVIDENDS.

Dividends have been declared payable on the dates mentioned hereunder. C. denotes when transfer books close, and P. when payable:—

| | £ d |
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| **NEW SOUTH WALES.** | |
| Harden Gold Mine, C. May 1, P. May 6 | 0 6 |
| Melbourne Cope's Creek, P. April 18 | 0 6 |
| Occidental, C. April 10, P. April 26 | 0 3 |
| Cope's Creek Central, C. April 17, P. April 24 | 1 0 |
| Amalgamated Dredging, C. April 15, P. April 19 | 0 6 |
| **VICTORIA.** | |
| Long Tunnel Extended, P. April 25 | 5 0 |
| Morse's Creek, C. April 3, P. April 29 | 1 0 |
| Junction Dredging, C. April 26, P. April 30 | 1 6 |
| Jubilee, P. April 19 | 1 0 |
| Junction Dredging, P. April 30 | 1 0 |
| **WESTERN AUSTRALIA.** | |
| Black Range, C. April 26, P. May 3 | 0 6 |
| Ivanhoe, C. April 8, P. April 25 | 9 0 |
| Sons of Gwalia, P. April 26 | 1 0 |
| Golden Horseshoe, P. April 20 | 6 0 |
| **TASMANIA.** | |
| New Brothers Home, No. 1, P. April 24 | 0 6 |
| Hercules, P. May 1 | 1 0 |
| **QUEENSLAND.** | |
| Mount Molloy, P. May 2 | 0 6 |
| Endeavour and Leslie Tin, C. April 29, P. May 6 | 0 0 |

### MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Mungana (Chillagoe) Company, April 25.—Lady Jane: 210ft level, north-west contour stope—Raised 33 tons high-grade copper ore. East drive, off air shaft—Extended to 115ft; face country rock. East contour winze—Sunk to 20ft; ore dipped out to west. Saddler shaft: Sunk to 166ft. Giroba: 200ft level, north ore body—Breaking flux ore. 300ft level: No. 1 winze—Sunk to 60ft; broke through in 410ft stope. For the week, 462 tons of ore shipped.

Victory (Charters Towers) Company, April 6.—No. 4 shaft: No. 1 west level, Victoria reef, 3in fair-looking mineral stone; stopes over No. 1 east level 3 to 10 inches, light mineral stone; underhand stope 10in, portions of which show fair mineral; raised 26 tons. Cross reef: Formation in north level still large; stope over level 2 to 12 inches of light mineral stone; stope over south level 12in, quality fair; raised 12 tons. No. 1 shaft: No. 2B west level without change; stope over No. 1 pass 5in, quality fair; intermediate level 8in, quality good; stopes above 3 to 8 inches, quality good; stopes west over Tuckett's level 1 to 4 inches, quality good; east stope over No. 1 pass 3in of good stone; stopes on Victory footwall reef 3 to 5 inches, quality fair; raised 40 tons. Clark's shaft: Stopes over No. 1 west level 3 to 6 inches, quality medium; underhand stopes 6in, medium quality; at 150ft from underlie started winze on 6in of medium quality stone; raised 13 tons.

## PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

### CONGRATULATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED.

At a meeting of the Granville Council on Tuesday evening, a letter was read from his Excellency the Governor, Sir Harry Rawson, as follows:—"Will you please convey to the members of the council of the municipality of Granville my sincere thanks for their kind congratulations on my having completed 50 years in the service of my country. I thank them also for their very kind remarks on my work in New South Wales, and for their wish that I would allow myself to be nominated for another term of service. Much as I might like to do so, this is looking too far into the future (as my time is not up till June, 1908) to be thought of now."

## BAPTIST UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The half-yearly meeting of the above union was continued at Parramatta on Tuesday evening, the president of the union, the Rev. A. J. Waldock, presiding. Addresses were delivered by visiting clergymen of other denominations, including the Revs. J. Paterson (Presbyterian), J. Woodhouse, and W. H. Howard (Methodist), and A. Castleman (Congregational). Each expressed a desire to promote the union of the churches on a spiritual basis. Three new ministers were welcomed into the union, viz., the Revs. C. Pickering (Balmain), W. W. Dobbie (Dulwich Hill), and A. E. Metters (Granville).

A letter was received from Mr. A. Brunt-nell, M.L.A., representing the N.S.W. Alliance, asking that one of the ministers of the Baptist Church be set apart for the "no-license" campaign. It was decided to reply that, whilst unable to accede to the request, every minister was willing to co-operate in his own district.

The question of holding an Australasian Baptist Congress (including New Zealand) was introduced by the Rev. Dr. Porter, who moved that it was necessary that steps be taken to bring about such a congress. This was seconded by Mr. E. W. E. Palmer, and carried.

A decision was arrived at to recommend the next Federal board to face the general question of Federation, and, if possible, to give effect to the federation of foreign missions as an initial item.

In the evening the Rev. Dr. Porter preached on the subject of "Loyalty to Convictions."

## PARRAMATTA QUARTER SESSIONS.

The Parramatta Court of Quarter Sessions was continued yesterday, before Mr. Acting Judge Scholes.

### ACQUITTED.

Charles Bevan was charged with having, at Carlingford, on March 20, broken and entered the dwelling of Richard Bevan, sen., and stolen therefrom a quantity of wearing apparel. The accused, who pleaded not guilty, was defended by Mr. H. Levien. The case practically hinged on the question of identification, and the jury after some hours' retirement returned a verdict of not guilty.

### GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM.

Byron Cheadle, who was defended by Mr. H. A. Richardson, was

# THE WEEK IN LONDON.

GENERAL BOTHA AND BRITISH RULE.

LONDON, March 15.

Perhaps the most interesting topic talked about among serious people this week has been General Botha's speech at Pretoria as head of the new Transvaal Ministry. To judge by the summaries published in the press, it was a magnificent recognition of what has certainly been an almost unexampled trust displayed by an Imperial Ministry in the good sense, loyalty, and administrative capacity of a new colony. I know some South Africans here, including certainly one or two of the reactionary party. Even these have admitted that the speech was an excellent one if the Boers were going to act up to what they said. This "if" was inevitable. I can recall the time when a little grey-headed and evidently most conscientious man at the Colonial Office told me in an emphatic way that he was in principle in favour of giving the colonies every liberty "if you could only be sure what the beggars would get up to." This kind of paternal—not to say maternal—solicitude has nowadays passed away, though I have never ceased to argue when any of our friends from the colonies have attacked me on the point that even old Downing-street was actuated by a considerable sense of responsibility. I dare say most men who have lived long have known ladies of, say, 75 who have been a little bit anxious as to the goings on of their sons who were still youngsters of 50. But it is not necessary to talk of these things as altogether of the past. There remains still, in spite of all that has been accomplished—and it is a very great deal—certain rankling feeling in the minds of our colonial friends as to the want of general appreciation here of matters which to them are of grave importance. I might refer only incidentally to the New Hebrides. But to go back to the essential point, there seems to me to be no question as to the view that the English public, which has no axes to grind, takes of the South African question. There is one thing on which I think we can as a people pride ourselves, that we are very generous after a fight, and I believe this was the case of our defeated opponents in the Boer war. It has always been said that General Botha thought the struggle inopportune; it is certain that many of his present compatriots in these islands had much the same idea. At the worst, it was a family quarrel, "men's blood being up." If the capitalists and the financiers will not be too insistent we shall get on all right. The fact that General Botha has announced his intention of coming to the Colonial Conference is significant enough in itself, and has pleased a good many people here. He has been a gallant foe, and is likely to make a good friend.

ANTI-BARMAIDS.

For the moment the agitation among the suffragists as a body has been eclipsed by that among the barmaids. The Government has a measure in contemplation which, while not affecting the position of barmaids already in employment, will prohibit the employment of women in this capacity in future. My experience is that the opinion among women who take any sort of interest in legislation is that the great majority of them who have homes of their own or means of supporting themselves are totally opposed to the existing state of things, and would welcome any legislation which abolished it altogether. But in these days, when women are getting more and more to find that they must rely on their own exertions for their support, it is always a serious question to make a change which it is calculated would eventually bar some 80,000 (I am not responsible for the figures) women from employment. Whether unmarried, penniless women in a country like our own, with every occupation overcrowded, are better and safer behind the bar than loafing about unemployed is a problem I should not attempt to solve. I believe that the people who are most concerned with the interests of women declare that, as a rule, barmaids, all things considered, are singularly exempt from getting into serious trouble. A philanthropic politician whom I know once put a question point blank to the manager of a big hotel on this subject, and he got the comprehensive answer that the barmaids seldom got into trouble because "they were too hard worked, and knew too much of the world."

EMIGRATION.

I hear officially that the emigration movement is still progressing very well, and that an excellent class of men are presenting themselves for New South Wales. As I have before said, the great question is that of selection. The Canadian offers are very attractive, but as Canada contributes nothing towards the fares of the emigrant it is obvious that the Government of the Dominion has more latitude in its choice as compared with the Australian States. Queensland, I need hardly say, is now advertising free passages, and as I am informed has reserved 200 berths in the Orient Company's boats from the beginning of May to the end of October. The New South Wales office, however, seems to be undisturbed. The time of year, as far as I can gather, is in the view of the officials there a little ill chosen, when all things are considered, but this is, of course, a matter which the Queenslanders must judge for themselves.

THE TEST OF PUBLIC LIFE.

Several notable deaths have occurred in the last few days. In the front must be put that of M. Casimir-Perier, who was once the President of the French Republic. I remember well the time of his election, after the assassination of President Carnot, when all the French newspapers were acclaiming the advent of a really strong man. In will and intention there is little doubt that he was all his friends claimed for him, but in the stress of public life it is extraordinarily easy for a painted reed to look like iron. This implies no reflection on the personality of a man who undertakes a prodigious task which taxes his nervous system to the uttermost. He thinks he can accomplish it; he knows that he intends to do well, and his imagination carries him forward; but he finds afterwards that the journeyman's work of statesmanship, the day-to-day troubles and anxieties, implies a strain on his energies which an inferior and less highly-strung man could have borne better. I have often thought myself that the late Mr. W. H. Smith, who would have been the last man in the world to claim for himself any accident of genius, made the best leader of the House of Commons within the memory of the majority of grown-up people. Nothing disturbed his equanimity, nothing troubled his sensitiveness, which a downright business man would resent, and I think the caressing and paternal way in which he would smooth down an opponent was in itself a tremendous asset in a public man. M. Casimir-Perier, if public report is to be trusted, was of a totally different type. At all events, he resigned his dignities very quickly and unexpectedly. The degrees of a man's sensitiveness vary largely. I think I could recall the case of a member of the British House of Commons who threw up his seat because he considered that his wife had not been treated with due deference at a public meeting on his own side of politics. But that was long ago, and I do not think that nowadays ladies are likely to worry their spouses into such extremities.

## S.S. PRINZ SIGISMUND AT BRISBANE.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The steamer Prinz Sigismund arrived at Brisbane this morning from Japan, via German New Guinea. The vessel had a fine voyage and has 700 tons of cargo for Sydney.

Passengers for Sydney: Mr. Walker, Mr. and Mrs Carman, Miss L. A. Clendeuim, Mr. C. E. Bliss, Mrs. Manley, Mrs. Graham, O. Hasmer, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Chorsayth, Consul M. Thiel, Consul T. S. R. Tahlen, Messrs. W. T. Gorrie, C. C. Wilson, R. S. King, C. A. M. Monctoon, the Rev. Mr. Muller, Mr. Taflin, Mrs. Connars, and three in the third class; also three native servants on deck.

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# FRAULEIN SCHMIDT AND MR. ANSTRUTHER.

BEING THE LETTERS OF AN INDEPENDENT WOMAN.

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LIII.—Continued.

The church is very ancient, and dates from the XIIIth century. You would like its outside—I wonder if in your walks you ever came here—but its inside has been spoilt by the zealous Lutheran and turned into the usual barn. In its first state of beauty in those far-off Catholic days what a heaven it must have been for all the women and most of the men of that lonely turnip-growing village; the one beauty spot, the one place of mystery and enthusiasm. No one, I thought, staring about me, could possibly have their depths stirred in the middle of so much whitewash. The inhabitants of these bald agricultural parishes are not sufficiently spiritual for the Lutheran faith. Black gowns and bareness may be enough for those whose piety is so exalted that ceremonies are only a hindrance to the purity of their devotions; but the ignorant and the dull, if they are to be stirred, and especially the women who have entered upon that long series of grey years that begins, for those worked gaunt and shapeless in the fields, somewhere about twenty-five, and never leaves off again, if they are to be helped to be less forlorn need many ceremonies, many symbols, much show, and mystery, and awfulness. You will say that it is improbable that the female inhabitants of such a poor parish should know what it is to feel forlorn; but I know better. You will, turning some of my own words against me, tell me that one does not feel forlorn if one is worked hard enough; but I know better about that too,—and I said it only in reference to young men like yourself. It is true the tragedy of the faded face combined with the uncomfortably young heart, which is the tragedy that every woman who has had an easy life has to endure for quite a number of years, finds no place in the existence of a drudge; it is true, too, that I never yet saw, and I am sure you didn't, a woman of the labouring classes make efforts to appear younger than she is; and it is also true that I have seldom seen, and I am sure you have, women of the class that has little to do leave off making them. Ceaseless hard work and the care of many children do away very quickly with the youth both of face and heart of the poor man's wife, and with the youth of heart go the yearnings that rend her whose heart, whatever her face may be doing, is still without a wrinkle. But drudgery and a lost youth do not make young life less, but more dreary. These poor women have not, like their husbands, the solace of the public-house schnapps. They go through the bitterness of the years wholly without anæsthetics. Really I don't think I can let you go on persisting that they feel nothing. Why, we shall soon have you believing that only you in this groaning and travailing creation suffer. Please divest yourself of these illusions. Read, my young friend, read the British poet Crabbe. Read him much; ponder him more. He knew all about peasants. He was a plain man, with a knack for rhyme and rhythm that sets your brain a-jingling for weeks, who saw peasants as they are. They must have been the very ones we have here. In his pages no honeysuckle clambers picturesquely about their path, no simple virtues shine in their faces. A drab monotony, their wife not neat and nimble. They do not gather round bright fires and tell artless tales on winter evenings. Their cheer is certainly homely, but that doesn't make them like it, and they never call down blessings upon it with moist uplifted eyes. Grandsires with venerable hair are rather at a discount; the young man's way of trudging should not be described as elastic, and their talk, when there is any, does not consist of praise of the local landowner. Do you think they do not know that they are cold and underfed? And do not know they have grown old before their time through working in every sort of weather? And do not know where their rheumatism and fevers come from?

I walked back through the soaking, sighing woods, thinking of these things and of how unfairly the goods of life are distributed, and of the odd tendency misfortunes have to collect themselves together in one place of a heap. Old thoughts, you'll say,—old thoughts as stale as life, thoughts that have drifted through countless heads, and after a while drifted out of them again, leaving no profit behind them. But one can't help thinking them and greatly marvelling. Here am I, the most fortunate young man, of freedom, and Italy, and sunshine, and your six and twenty years. If I could only persuade you to let yourself go quite simply to being happy. Our friendship, in spite of its sincerity, has up to now been of so little use to you; and a friendship which is not helpful might just as well not exist. I wish I knew what words of mine would help you most. How gladly would I write them. How gladly would I see you in untroubled waters, forging straight ahead towards a full and fruitful life. But I am a foolish, ineffectual woman, and write you wanish letters when I might, if I had more insight, have found out what those words are that would set you tingling with the joy of life.

Yours sincerely,

ROSE-MARIE SCHMIDT.

I've been reading some of the very beautiful prayers in my mother's English Prayer-book to make up for not having prayed in church to-day. Its margins are thickly covered with pencilled comments. In parts like the Psalms and Canticles they overflow into the spaces between the verses. They are chiefly notes on the beauties of thought and language, and comparisons with similar passages in the Bible. Here and there between the pages are gummed little pictures of Madonnas and "piteous Christs." But when the Athanasian Creed is reached the tone of the comments changes over the top of it is written "There is a vein of dry humour running through this Creed that is very remarkable." And at the end of each of those involved clauses that try quite vainly, yet with an air of defying criticism, to describe the undescribable, my mother has written with admirable caution, "Perhaps."

LIV.

Galgenberg, Nov. 7.

Dear Mr. Anstruther,—So you are coming to Berlin next month. Though you tell me in one of your letters that Washington was probably going to be your first diplomatic post. Evidently you are glad it is not; but if I were going to be an attache I'd much rather be it at Washington than Berlin, the reason being that I've not been to Washington and I have been to Berlin. Why are you so pleased—forgive me, I meant so much pleased—but it is strange how little instinct has to do with grammar—about Berlin? You didn't like it when you were here and went for two days to look at it. You said it was a hard place, full of broad streets, with nobody in them. You said it was barren, soulless, arid, pretentious, police-ridden; that everybody was an official, and that all the officials were rude. You were furious with a policeman who stared at you without answering when you asked him the way. You were scandalised by the behaviour of the men in the local trains who sat and smoked in the faces of the standing women, and by those men who walked with their female relations in the streets, and caused their parcels to be carried by them. You came home to us saying that Jena was best, and you were thankful to be with us again. I went to Berlin once, a little while before you came to Germany, and didn't like it either. But I didn't like it because it was so full, because those streets that seemed to you so empty were bewildering to me in their tumultuous traffic—so you see how a place is what your own eye makes it, your Jena or your London eye; and I didn't like it besides because we spent a sulphuric night and morning with relations, the noise of the streets all day and the sulphur of the relations at night spoilt it for me. We went there for a jaunt, to look at the museums and things, and stay the night with papa's brother who lives there. He is papa's younger brother, and spends his days in a bank, handing out and raking in money through a hole in a kind of cage. He has a pen behind his ear—I know, because we were taken to gaze upon him between two museums—and wears a black coat on week days as well as on Sundays, which greatly dazzled my stepmother, who was with us. I believe he is eminently respectable, and the bank values him as an old and reliable servant, and has made him rich. His salary is eight thousand marks a year, four hundred pounds, sir—four times as much as what we have; and my stepmother used often and fervently to wish that papa had been more like him. I thought him a terrifying old uncle, a parched, machine-like person, whose soul seemed withdrawn into unexplorable vague distances, reduced to a mere far-off flicker by the mechanical nature of his work. He is 10 years younger than papa, but infinitely more faded. He never laughs. He never smiles. He is rude to his wife. He is withering to his daughters. He made me think of owls as he sat at supper that night in his prim clothes with round, gloomy eyes fixed on papa, whom he was lecturing. Papa didn't mind. He had had a happy day, ending with two very glorious hours in the Royal Library, and Tante Elise's herring salad was much to his taste. "Hast thou no respect, Heinrich," he cried at last when my uncle, warmed by beer, let his lectures slide over the line that had till then divided it from a rating, "hast thou then no respect for the elder brother, and his white and reverend hairs?"

(To be continued.)

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